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- Page 234, line 4: *for ἀνακλᾷ read ἀνακλᾷ*  
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- „ 43, note *d*: *for Issus aud read Issus and*  
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ΑΙΛΙΑΝΟΥ  
ΠΕΡΙ ΖΩΩΝ ΙΔΙΟΤΗΤΟΣ

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1. Μυρέων τῶν ἐν Λυκίᾳ κόλπος ἐστί, καὶ ἔχει πηγὴν, καὶ ἐνταῦθα νεῶς Ἀπόλλωνός ἐστι, καὶ ὁ τοῦδε τοῦ θεοῦ ἱερεὺς κρέα μόσχεια διασπείρει τῶν τῷ θεῷ τεθυμένων, ὀρφῶ<sup>1</sup> τε οἱ ἰχθύες ἄθροοι προσνέουσι, καὶ τῶν κρεῶν ἐσθίουσιν οἷα δῆπου καλούμενοι δαιτυμόνες. καὶ χαίρουσιν οἱ θύσαντες, καὶ τὴν τούτων δαῖτα πιστεύουσιν εἶναί σφισιν ὅτταν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ λέγουσιν ἵλεων εἶναι τὸν θεόν, διότι<sup>2</sup> οἱ ἰχθύες ἐνεπλήσθησαν τῶν κρεῶν. εἰ δὲ ταῖς οὐραῖς αὐτὰ ἐς τὴν γῆν ἐκβάλοιεν ὥσπερ οὖν ἀτιμάσαντες καὶ μυσαρὰ κρίναντες, τοῦτο δὴ τοῦ θεοῦ μῆνις εἶναι πεπίστευται. γνωρίζουσι δὲ καὶ τὴν τοῦ ἱερέως φωνὴν οἱ ἰχθύες, καὶ ὑπακούσαντες<sup>3</sup> μὲν εὐφραίνουσι δι' οὓς<sup>4</sup> κέκληνται, τὸναντίον δὲ δρᾶσαντες λυποῦσιν.

<sup>1</sup> ὀρφοῖα, ὀρφοί.

<sup>2</sup> δι' ὅν

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1. There is a bay at Myra in Lycia and it has a <sup>Sacred Fish at Myra</sup> spring and there is a shrine of Apollo there, and the priest of this god scatters the flesh of calves that have been sacrificed to the god, and Sea-perch<sup>a</sup> come swimming up in shoals and eat the flesh, as though they were guests invited to the feast. And the sacrificers are delighted, for they believe that this feasting of the fishes is a good omen for them, and they say that the god is propitious because the fish gorged themselves upon the flesh. If however the fish cast the food ashore with their tails as though they despised it and regarded it as tainted, this is believed to signify the wrath of the god. And the fish recognise the priest's voice, and if they obey his summons they gladden those on whose behalf they have been summoned; in the opposite event they cause them grief.

<sup>a</sup> Evidently not the 'Great Sea-perch' (5. 18), but Thompson declines to identify it.

<sup>3</sup> ἐπακούσαντες.

<sup>4</sup> τούτους δι' οὓς.

2. Κατὰ τὴν πάλαι Βαμβύκην (καλεῖται δὲ νῦν Ἱεράπολις, Σελεύκου ὀνομάσαντος τοῦτο αὐτήν) ἰχθύες εἰσὶν ἱεροί, καὶ κατ' ἴλας νήχονται καὶ ἔχουσιν ἡγεμόνας, καὶ τῶν ἐμβαλλομένων αὐτοῖς τροφῶν προεσθίουσιν οὗτοί γε. φυλάττουσι δὲ καὶ τὴν πρὸς ἀλλήλους φιλίαν μάλιστα ἰχθύων, καὶ ἔστιν αἰεὶ ἑσπονδα αὐτοῖς, ἥτοι τῆς θεοῦ τὴν ὁμόνοιαν καταπνεύσης, ἥ διότι τῶν ἐμβαλλομένων τροφῶν ἐμπιπλάμενοι οὕτως τῆς ἀλλήλων βορᾶς ἀγευστοί τε καὶ ἀμαθεῖς <sup>1</sup> διαμένουσιν.

3. Λέγουσιν Αἰγύπτιοι, καὶ ἐμὲ μὲν ἥκιστα πείθουσι, λέγουσι δ' οὖν ἄρνα καὶ ὀκτάπουν καὶ δίκερκον κατὰ τὸν Βόκχοριν τὸν ἀδόμενον ἐκείνον γενέσθαι, καὶ ῥῆξαι φωνήν. καὶ δύο κεφαλὰς ἄδουσι τῆς ἁρνός, καὶ τετράκερω γενέσθαι φασὶ τὴν αὐτήν. Ὀμήρῳ μὲν οὖν φωνὴν Ἐάνθῳ τῷ ἵππῳ δόντι συγγνώμην νέμειν ἄξιον, <sup>2</sup> ποιητῆς γάρ· καὶ Ἀλκμὰν δὲ μιμούμενος ἐν τοῖς τοιούτοις Ὀμηρον οὐκ ἂν φέροιτο αἰτίαν, ἔχει γὰρ ἀξιόχρεων ἐς αἰδῶ <sup>3</sup> τὴν πρωτίστην τόλμαν. Αἰγυπτίοις δὲ τοιαῦτα κομπάζουσι προσέχειν πῶς οἶόν τε; εἴρηται δ' οὖν, <sup>4</sup> εἰ καὶ μυθώδη, τὰ τῆσδε τῆς ἁρνός ἴδια.

4. Καὶ ἐκεῖνο δὲ ὑπὲρ τῶν ἱεράκων ἀκούσας οἶδα. πρὸ τοῦ τὸν Νεῖλον ἐπιπολάζειν τῇ Αἰγύπτῳ καὶ ἐς τὰς ἀρούρας ἀνέρχεσθαι, ἀφιαῖσι τῶν πτερῶν <sup>5</sup> τὰ ἤδη γηρῶντα ὥσπερ οὖν τῶν φυτῶν οἱ κλάδοι <τὰ> <sup>6</sup> φύλλα τὰ ξηρά, καὶ ἀναφύουσιν.

<sup>1</sup> ἀμαθεῖς εἰκότως.

<sup>2</sup> ἄξια.

<sup>3</sup> αἰδῶ corrupt, H.

<sup>4</sup> γοῦν.

<sup>5</sup> Ges: πτερύγων.

<sup>6</sup> <τὰ> add. H.

2. In the ancient Bambyce<sup>a</sup> (it is now called Hierapolis since Seleucus gave it this name) there are sacred fish which swim in companies and have leaders; these are the first to eat of the food which is thrown in to them. More than all other fish do they maintain friendly relations with one another and are always at peace, either because the goddess<sup>b</sup> inspires them with unanimity, or because being satisfied with the food that is thrown in to them, they therefore abstain from eating one another and know nothing of it.

3. The Egyptians assert (though they are far from A monstrous convincing me), they assert, I say, that in the days of the far-famed Bocchoris a Lamb was born with eight feet and two tails, and that it spoke. They say also that this Lamb had two heads and four horns. It is right to forgive Homer who bestows speech upon Xanthus the horse [Il. 19. 404], for Homer is a poet. And Alcman could not be censured for imitating Homer in such matters, for the first venture of Homer is a plea sufficient to justify forgiveness. But how can one pay any regard to Egyptians who exaggerate like this? However, fabulous though they be, I have related the peculiarities of this lamb.

4. Here is another fact touching Hawks that I The Hawk: remember to have heard. Before the Nile inundates various species Egypt and comes up over the ploughlands Hawks shed their old feathers just as the branches of trees shed their withered leaves, and grow new and

<sup>a</sup> On the E border of Syria some 12 mi. from the Euphrates. Renamed by Seleucus Nicator (c. 358-280 B.C.) in honour of the goddess Astarte.

<sup>b</sup> Atargatis, Astarte.

πίλα νεαρά καὶ ὠραία οἱ ἱέρακες ὡς τὴν ἄνθην τὰ δένδρα. γένη δὲ ἱεράκων πλείονα ἄρα ἦν, καὶ ἔοικεν ὑπαινίττεσθαι καὶ Ἀριστοφάνης τοῦτο. φησὶ γοῦν

ἀλλ' ἐπέμψαμεν

τρισχίλους ἱέρακας ἵπποτοξότας.  
χωρεῖ δὲ πᾶς τις ὄνυχας ἡγκυλωμένος  
κερχνῆς τριόρχης γυψ κύμνιδι αἰετός.

νεμένηνται δὲ καὶ ἀπεκρίθησαν θεοῖς πολλοῖς. ὁ μὲν περδικοθήρας καὶ ὠκύπτερος Ἀπόλλωνος ἐστὶ θεράπων φασί, φήνην δὲ καὶ ἄρην Ἀθηνᾶ προσέμουσαν, Ἑρμοῦ δὲ τὸν φασσοφόντην ἄθυρμα εἶναι φασιν, Ἥρας δὲ τὸν ταυσιπτερον, καὶ τὸν τριόρχην οὕτω καλούμενον Ἀρτέμιδος. μητρὶ δὲ θεῶν τὸν μέρμνον . . .<sup>1</sup> καὶ ἄλλον<sup>2</sup> ἄλλω θεῷ. γένη δὴ<sup>3</sup> ἱεράκων ἐστὶ πάμπολλα.

5. Αἰγύπτιοι μὲν οὖν σέβοντές τε καὶ ἐκθεοῦντες γένη ζώων διάφορα γέλωτα ὀφλισκάνουσι παρά γε τοῖς πολλοῖς. Θηβαῖοι<sup>4</sup> δὲ σέβουσιν Ἑλλήνες ὄντες ὡς ἀκούω γαλῆν, καὶ λέγουσιν γε Ἡρακλέους αὐτὴν γενέσθαι τροφόν, ἢ τροφόν μὲν οὐδαμῶς, καθημένης δὲ ἐπ' ὠδίσι τῆς Ἀλκμήνης καὶ τεκεῖν οὐ δυναμένης, τὴν δὲ παραδραμεῖν καὶ τοὺς τῶν ὠδίωνων λύσαι δεσμούς, καὶ προελθεῖν τὸν Ἡρακλέα καὶ ἔρπειν ἤδη. καὶ οἱ τὴν Ἀμαξιτὸν τῆς<sup>5</sup> Τρωάδος κατοικοῦντες μὲν σέβουσιν· ἔνθεν τοί

<sup>1</sup> Lacuna: <ἀνάπτουσι> ex. gr. H.

<sup>3</sup> δέ.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ Θ. δέ.

<sup>2</sup> ἄλλον δέ.  
<sup>5</sup> Ἀ. δὲ τῆς.

beautiful plumage as trees do foliage. It seems that there are in fact several species of Hawks, and Aristophanes appears to hint as much. At any rate he says [Av. 1179]

'But we have despatched three thousand Hawks, mounted archers. And each one moves forward with talons crooked—kestrel, buzzard, vulture, night-hawk,<sup>a</sup> eagle.'

They are allotted separately to many gods. The partridge-catcher,<sup>b</sup> they say, and the ocypterus<sup>c</sup> are servants of Apollo; the lämmergeier and the shearwater they assign to Athena; the dove-killer is said to be the darling of Hermes, the wide-wing, of Hera, and the buzzard, as it is called, of Artemis. To the Mother of the Gods <they assign> the mermnus, and to one god one bird, to another another. There are in fact a great many kinds of Hawks.

5. The Egyptians incur the derision at any rate of most people for worshipping and deifying various kinds of animals. But the inhabitants of Thebes, although Greeks, worship a marten, so I hear, and allege that it was the nurse of Heracles, or if it was not the nurse, yet when Alcmena was in labour and unable to bring her child to birth, the marten ran by her and loosed the bonds of her womb, so that Heracles was delivered and at once began to crawl. And those who live in Hamaxitus in the Troad worship a Mouse, and that is why,

The Marten  
and  
Alcmena

The Mouse  
worshipped  
in the Troad

<sup>a</sup> Or 'Hawk-owl.'

<sup>b</sup> Perh. 'Sparrow-hawk,' Gossen § 182.

<sup>c</sup> Perh. 'Lesser Hen-harrier,' *ib.*

καὶ τὸν Ἀπόλλω τὸν παρ' αὐτοῖς τιμώμενον  
Σμίνθιον καλοῦσιν φασιν. ἔτι γὰρ καὶ τοὺς Αἰολέας  
καὶ τοὺς Τρώας τὸν μῦν προσαγορεύειν σμίνθιον,  
ὥσπερ οὖν καὶ Αἰσχύλος ἐν τῷ Σισύφῳ

ἀλλ' ἀρουραῖος τίς ἐστι σμίνθος ὧδ' ὑπερφυής; <sup>1</sup>

καὶ τρέφονται μὲν ἐν τῷ Σμινθείῳ <sup>2</sup> μῦες τιθασοὶ  
δημοσίας τροφὰς λαμβάνοντες, ὑπὸ δὲ τῷ βωμῷ  
φωλεύουσι <sup>3</sup> λευκοί, καὶ παρὰ τῷ τρίποδι τοῦ  
Ἀπόλλωνος ἔστηκε μῦς. μυθολόγημα δὲ ὑπὲρ  
τῆςδε τῆς θρησκείας καὶ ἐκεῖνο προσακήκοα. τῶν  
Αἰολέων καὶ τῶν Τρώων τὰ λήια πολλὰς μῶν  
μυριάδας ἐπελθούσας ἄωρα <sup>4</sup> ὑποκείρειν καὶ ἀτελῆ  
τὰ θέρη τοῖς σπείρασιν ἀποφαίνειν. οὐκοῦν τὸν  
ἐν Δελφοῖς θεὸν πυνθανομένων εἰπεῖν ὅτι δεῖ  
θύειν Ἀπόλλωνι Σμινθεί, τοὺς δὲ πεισθέντας  
ἀπαλλαγῆναι τῆς ἐκ τῶν μῶν ἐπιβουλῆς καὶ τὸν  
πυρὸν αὐτοῖς ἐς τὸν <sup>5</sup> νενομισμένον ἄμητον  
ἀφικνεῖσθαι. ἐπιλέγουσι δὲ ἄρα τούτοις καὶ ἐκεῖνα.  
ἐς ἀποικίαν Κρητῶν οἱ σταλέντες οἰκοθεν ἕκ τινος  
τύχης καταλαβούσης αὐτοὺς ἐδεήθησαν τοῦ Πυθίου  
φῆναί τινα αὐτοῖς χώρον ἀγαθὸν καὶ ἐς τὸν  
συνοικισμὸν λυσιτελῆ. ἐκρίπτει δὴ λόγιον, ἔνθα  
ἂν αὐτοῖς οἱ γηγενεῖς πολεμήσωσιν, ἐνταῦθα  
καταμεῖναι καὶ ἀναστήσαι πόλιν. οὐκοῦν ἤκουσι  
μὲν ἐς τὴν Ἀμαξιτὸν τήνδε καὶ στρατοπεδεύουσιν  
ὥστε ἀναπαύσασθαι, μῶν δὲ ἄφατόν τι πλῆθος  
ἐφερπύσαν τά τε ὄχανα αὐτοῖς τῶν ἀσπίδων  
διέτραπε καὶ τὰς τῶν τόξων νευρὰς διέφαγεν· οἱ

<sup>1</sup> Hermann: ἀρουραῖός τις . . . ὑπερφυής MSS, H.

<sup>2</sup> ἐῖς τοὺς Σμινθίους MSS, ἐν τῷ Σμινθίῳ Ges, Σμίνθως Radermacher.

according to them, they give the name of *Sminthian* to Apollo whom they worship, for the Aeolians and the people of the Troad still call a mouse *sminthus*, just as Aeschylus too in his *Sisyphus* [fr. 227 N] writes

'Nay, but what sminthus of the fields is so monstrous?'

And in the temple of Smintheus tame Mice are kept and fed at the public expense, and beneath the altar white Mice have their nests, and by the tripod of Apollo there stands a Mouse. And I have also heard the following mythical tale about this cult. Mice came in tens of thousands and cut off before they ripened the crops of the Aeolians and Trojans, rendering the harvest barren for the sowers. Accordingly the god at Delphi said when they enquired of him, that they must sacrifice to Apollo Smintheus; they obeyed and freed themselves from the conspiracy of Mice, and their wheat attained the normal harvest. And they add the following story. Some Cretans who owing to a disaster that befell them were sent out to found a colony, besought the Pythian Apollo to tell them of some good place where it would be advantageous to found a city. There issued from the oracle this answer: in the place where the earth-born made war upon them, there they should settle and raise a city. So they came to this place Hamaxitus and pitched their camp in order to rest; but a countless swarm of Mice crept stealthily upon them, gnawed through their shield-straps and ate through their bow-strings. So they guessed that these were the

<sup>3</sup> καὶ φωλεύουσι.

<sup>4</sup> Ges: ἄωρους.

<sup>5</sup> Schen: ἐς τόνδε τόν.



δὲ ἄρα συνέβαλον τούτους ἐκείνους εἶναι τοὺς γηγενεῖς, καὶ μέντοι καὶ ἐς ἀπορίαν ἤκοντες τῶν ἀμυντηρίων τόνδε τὸν χώρον οἰκίζουσι, καὶ Ἀπόλλωνος ἰδρύονται νεῶν Σμινθίου. ἡ μὲν οὖν τῶν μυῶν μνήμη προήγαγεν ἡμᾶς ἐς θεολογίαν τινά, χείρους δὲ αὐτῶν οὐ γεγόναμεν καὶ τοιαῦτα προσακούσαντες.

6. Ἦσαν δὲ ἄρα δελφίνες καὶ νεκρῶν μνήμονες καὶ τῶν συννόμων ἀπελθόντων τοῦ βίου οὐδαμῶς προδόται. τὸν γοῦν ἑαυτῶν τεθνεῶτα ὑποδύντες εἴτα μέντοι κομίζουσι φοράδην ἐς τὴν γῆν τοῖς ἀνθρώποις πιστεύοντες θάψαι, καὶ Ἀριστοτέλης μαρτυρεῖ τούτῳ· ἔπεται δὲ πλῆθος ἕτερον οἰονεῖ τιμώντες ἢ καὶ νῆ Δία ὑπερμαχοῦντες, μή ποτε ἄλλο κῆτος ἐπιδράμῃ καὶ τὸν νεκρὸν ἀρπάσῃ εἴτα καταδαίσηται. ὅσοι μὲν οὖν εἰσιν ἔνδοκοι καὶ τῆς μουσικῆς ἐπαίοντες, τῆς τῶν δελφίνων φιλομουσίας αἰδοῖ θάπτουσιν αὐτούς· οἱ δὲ ἀπὸ τε Μουσῶν φασιν ἀπὸ τε Χαρίτων ἀκηδῶς αὐτῶν ἔχουσι. καὶ δότε συγγνώμην, ὦ δελφίνες φίλοι, τῇ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἀγριότητι, εἶγε καὶ Ἀθηναῖοι Φωκίωνα τὸν χρηστὸν ἔρριψαν ἄταφον. καὶ Ὀλυμπιάς δὲ ἐκεῖτο γυμνὴ ἢ τεκοῦσα τὸν τοῦ Διός, ὥς ἐκόμπαζε τε αὐτὴ καὶ ἐκείνος ἔλεγε, καὶ τὸν Ῥωμαῖον Πομπήιον τὸν Μέγαν ἐπὶ κλην ἀποκτείναντες Αἰγύπτιοι τοσαῦτα ἐργασάμενον καὶ νίκας νικήσαντα ἄγαν σεμνὰς καὶ θριαμβεύσαντα τρις καὶ τὸν τοῦ φονέως πατέρα σώσαντα καὶ ἐς

‘earth-born’ referred to, and, besides, having now no means of getting weapons of defence, they settled in this spot and built a temple to Apollo Smintheus. Well, this mention of Mice has led us to touch upon a matter of theology; however we are none the worse for having listened even to such tales as this.

6. It seems that Dolphins are mindful even of <sup>The Dolphin and its dead</sup> their dead and by no means abandon their fellows when they have departed this life. At any rate they get underneath their dead companion and then carry him along to the shore, confident that men will bury him, and Aristotle bears witness to this [HA 631 a 18]. And another company of Dolphins follow them by way of doing honour to, or even actually fighting to protect, the dead body, for fear lest some other great fish should rush up, seize it, and then devour it. All just men who appreciate music bury dead Dolphins out of respect for their love of music. But those to whom, as they say, the Muses and the Graces are alien care nothing for Dolphins. And so, beloved Dolphins, you must pardon the savage nature of man, since even the people of Athens cast out the excellent Phocion<sup>a</sup> unburied. And even Olympias lay unburied, although she was the mother of the son of Zeus,<sup>b</sup> as she herself boasted and as he asserted. And the Egyptians after killing the Roman Pompey, surnamed ‘the Great,’ who had achieved so much, who had had such distinguished victories and had celebrated three triumphs, who

<sup>a</sup> Phocion, distinguished Athenian general and statesman, 4th cent. B.C., opposed Demosthenes in advocating peace with Philip of Macedon. Later was wrongly suspected of treachery and put to death, 318 B.C.

<sup>b</sup> Alexander the Great.

τὴν Αἰγυπτίων βασιλείαν ἐπαναγαγόντα εἶσαν ἐρριμμένον, ἄμοιρον τῆς κεφαλῆς, πλησίον τῆς θαλάττης καὶ ἐκείνον, ὡς ὑμᾶς πολλάκις ἑώσι.<sup>1</sup> τὸ γάρ τοι ζῶον τὸ πάμβορον τοῦτο οὐδὲ ὑμῶν φέιδεται, ἀλλὰ καὶ ὑμᾶς ταρίχους ἐργάσασθαι τολμῶσι, καὶ σφᾶς αὐτοὺς λελήθασιν ταῖς Μούσαις ταῖς Διὸς θυγατρῶσι ταῦτα ἀπὸ θυμοῦ δρῶντες.

7. Λέοντας μὲν ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ σέβουσι, καὶ ἐξ αὐτῶν κέκληται πόλις· καὶ τὰ ἰδιά γε τῶν ἐκεῖ λεόντων εἰπεῖν ἄξιον. ἔχουσι νεῶς καὶ διατριβάς εὖ μάλα ἀφθόους, καὶ κρέα βοῶν αὐτοῖς ἐστὶν ὁσημέραι, καὶ διασπαρακτὰ κείται γυνὰ δοτῶν καὶ ἰνῶν, καὶ ἐσθιόντων ἐπάδουσιν Αἰγυπτία φωνῇ. ἡ δὲ ὑπόθεσις τῆς ᾠδῆς, 'μὴ βασκῆνῃ τέ τινα τῶν ὁρώντων,' καὶ ἔοικεν ὡς ἂν εἴποις ἀντιπεριάπτων τὸ ἄσμα. ἐκθεοῦνται δὲ ἄρα παρ' αὐτοῖς πολλοί, καὶ ἀντιπρόσωποι γε δίαται ἀνεμμένα αὐτοῖς εἰσι. καὶ αἱ μὲν πρὸς τὴν ἑωθυρίδες, αἱ δὲ πρὸς τὴν ἐσπέραν ἀνεωγμένα κεχαρισμενωτέραν αὐτοῖς τὴν διαίταν ἀποφαίνουσιν. ἔστι δὲ αὐτοῖς καὶ γυμνάσια ὑγιείας<sup>2</sup> χάριν, καὶ πλησίον παλαιστραὶ, ὃ δὲ ἀντίπαλος μόσχος τῶν εὐτραφῶν.<sup>3</sup> καὶ πρὸς τοῦτον γυμνασάμενος, ἦν<sup>4</sup> αὐτὸν καθέλη (δρᾶ δὲ βραδέως ὑπ' ἀργίας αὐτὸ καὶ ἀθρηρίας), ἐμφορεῖται τε καὶ ὑποστρέφει εἰς τὸ αὐλῖον τὸ ἴδιον. διάπυρον δὲ ἐστὶ τὸ ζῶον

<sup>1</sup> ἑώσι. ἐγὼ δὲ εἶδον καὶ τέττιγας εἰραντάς τινας καὶ πιπράσκοντας ἐπὶ δέλπνῳ καὶ μάλα γε ἐδείκνυε.

<sup>2</sup> Schm: ὑγιείας.

<sup>3</sup> Jac: τῶν εὐτραφῶν μόσχος.

<sup>4</sup> Jac: ἴνα.

had saved the life of his murderer's father<sup>a</sup> and had re-established him on the throne of Egypt, left him cast out, a headless corpse, by the sea, just as men often leave you. For this all-devouring creature man does not even spare you, but goes so far as to pickle you, and is unconscious that his action is hateful to the Muses, the daughters of Zeus.

7. In Egypt they worship Lions, and there is a city called after them.<sup>b</sup> It is worth recording the peculiarities of the Lions there. They have temples and very many spaces in which to roam; the flesh of oxen is supplied to them daily and it lies, stripped of bones and sinews, scattered here and there, and the Lions eat to the accompaniment of song in the Egyptian language. And the theme of the song is 'Do not bewitch any of the beholders'; this singing appears, as you might say, to be a substitute for amulets. Many of the Lions are deified in Egypt, and there are chambers face to face consecrated to their use. The windows of some open to the east, others to the west, making life more pleasant for them. And to preserve their health they have places for exercise, and wrestling-grounds near by, and their adversary is a well-nourished calf. And if, after practising his skill against the calf, the Lion brings it down (this takes time for he is lazy and unused to hunting), he eats his fill and goes back to his own stall.

<sup>a</sup> Ptolemy XII, 'Auletes,' took refuge in Rome from his rebellious subjects, where he was befriended by Pompey who aided his restoration, 55 B.C. His son Ptolemy XIII succeeded him (51), and it was at the instigation of his council that Pompey was murdered on landing in Egypt (48).

<sup>b</sup> Leontopolis, in the Delta of Egypt.

ισχυρῶς, καὶ ἐντεῦθεν καὶ Ἡφαίστω ἀνῆψαν αὐτὸ Αἰγύπτιοι· τὸ δὲ ἔξωθεν πῦρ δύσωπείται καὶ φεύγει πλήθει τοῦ ἐνδοθέν φασιν. ἐπειδὴ δὲ ἄγαν πυρῶδές ἐστι,<sup>1</sup> οἶκον Ἡλίου φασὶν εἶναι· καὶ ὅταν γέ ῃ ἑαυτοῦ θερμότητος καὶ θεριότητος ὁ ἥλιος, λένοντι αὐτὸν πελάζειν<sup>2</sup> φασί. προσέτι γέ μὴν καὶ οἱ τὴν μεγάλην οἰκοῦντες Ἡλίου πόλιν ἐν τοῖς τοῦ θεοῦ προπυλαίοις τοῦσδε τρέφουσι τοὺς λέοντας, θειοτέρας τινὸς μοίρας ὥς Αἰγύπτιοί φασι μετεληχότας. καὶ γάρ τοι καὶ ὄναρ οἷσπερ ὄν ὁ θεός ἐστιν ἱλεως ἐπιστάντες προθεσπίζουσί τινα, καὶ τοὺς ἐπιόρκον ὁμώσαντας οὐκ ἐς ἀναβολὰς ἀλλὰ ἤδη δικαιοῦσι, τοῦ θεοῦ τὴν ὀργὴν τὴν δικαίαν αὐτοῖς καταπνέοντος. λέγει δὲ καὶ Ἐμπεδοκλῆς τὴν ἀρίστην εἶναι μετοίκησιν τὴν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, εἰ μὲν ἐς ζῶον ἢ λῆξις αὐτὸν<sup>3</sup> μεταγάγοι, λέοντα γίνεσθαι· εἰ δὲ ἐς φυτόν, δάφνην. ἃ δὲ Ἐμπεδοκλῆς λέγει, ταῦτά ἐστιν·

ἐν θήρεσσι<sup>4</sup> λέοντες ὀρειλεχέες χαμαιεῦναι γίνονται, δάφναι δ' ἐνὶ δένδρεσιν ἡνυκίοισιν.

εἰ δὲ δεῖ καὶ τῆς τῶν Αἰγυπτίων σοφίας ἐς φύσιν ἐκτρεπόντων καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα ὥραν τίθεσθαι (δεῖ δέ), τὰ μὲν πρόσθια τοῦδε τοῦ ζώου πυρὶ ἀποκρίνουσιν, ὕδατι <γ><sup>5</sup> μὴν τὰ κατόπιν. καὶ τὴν σφίγγα μέντοι τὴν διφυῆ Αἰγύπτιοί τε χειρουργοὶ γλύφοντες καὶ Θηβαῖοι μῦθοι κομπάζοντες διμορφον ἡμῖν πειρῶνται δεικνύναι, σεμνύνοντες τῇ τε τοῦ παρθενωποῦ καὶ τῇ τοῦ λεοντοειδοῦς σώματος

<sup>1</sup> ἐστὶ καὶ αὐτόν.

<sup>3</sup> Ges.: αὐτήν.

<sup>2</sup> πελάζειν τῷ οὐρανῷ.

<sup>4</sup> Schol. Aphthon.: θηροὶ δέ.

<sup>5</sup> <γ> add. Reiske.

The Lion is a very fiery animal, and this is why the Egyptians connect him with Hephaestus, but, they say, he dislikes and shuns the fire from without because of the great fire within himself. And since he is of a very fiery nature, they say the Lion<sup>a</sup> is the house of the Sun, and when the sun is at its hottest and at the height of summer, they say it is approaching the Lion. Moreover the inhabitants of the great city of Heliopolis keep these Lions in the entrance to the temples of the god as sharing (so the Egyptians say) to some extent the lot of the gods. And further, they appear in dreams to those whom the god regards with favour and utter prophecies, and those who have committed perjury they punish not after some delay but immediately, for the god inspires them with a righteous indignation. And Empedocles maintains that if his lot translates a man into an animal, then it is best for him to transmute into a lion; if into a plant, then into a sweet-bay. Empedocles' words are [*fr.* 127, Diels *Vorsok.* <sup>6</sup> 1. 362]

'Among wild beasts they become lions that couch upon the mountains and sleep on the earth, and among trees with fair foliage sweet-bay-trees.'

But if we are (as we ought) to take into consideration the wisdom of the Egyptians who refer such manifestations to natural causes, they assign the fore-parts of this animal to fire, and the hinder parts to water. Again, Egyptian artificers in their sculpture, and the vainglorious legends of Thebes attempt to represent the Sphinx, with her two-fold nature, as of two-fold shape, making her awe-inspiring by

The Sphinx

<sup>a</sup> The sign *Leo* in the zodiac.

κράσει αὐτήν. τοῦτό τοι καὶ Εὐριπίδης ὑπαινέ-  
ται λέγων

οὐράν δ' ὑπίλλασ' ὑπὸ λεοντόπουν βάσιν  
καθίζετο.

καὶ μέντοι καὶ τὸν Νεμεαῖον λέοντα τῆς σελήνης  
ἐκπσεῖν φασι. λέγει γοῦν<sup>1</sup> καὶ τὰ Ἐπιμενίδου  
ἐπη

καὶ γὰρ ἐγὼ γένος εἰμὶ Σελήνης ἠυκόμοιο,  
ἢ δεινὸν φρίξας ἀπεσεῖσατο θῆρα λέοντα  
ἐν Νεμέᾳ, ἀνάγουσ' αὐτὸν διὰ πότνιαν Ἥραν.

καὶ ταῦτα μὲν ἐς τοὺς μύθους ἀποκρίνωμεν,<sup>2</sup> τὰ  
γε μὴν λεόντων ἴδια καὶ ἀνωτέρω καὶ νῦν <δὲ><sup>3</sup>  
ἀποχρώντως εἴρηται.

8. Ζῶν ἐστὶν ὁ πυραύστης, ὅπερ οὖν χαίρει  
μὲν τῇ λαμπρῶν τοῦ πυρὸς καὶ προσπέτεται τοῖς  
λύχνους ἐνακμάζουσιν,<sup>4</sup> ἐμπεσὼν δὲ ὑπὸ ρύμης<sup>5</sup>  
εἴτα μέντοι καταπέφλεκται. μέμνηται δὲ αὐτοῦ  
καὶ Αἰσχύλος ὁ τῆς τραγωδίας ποιητῆς λέγων

δέδοικα μωρὸν κάρτα πυραύστου μόρον.

9. Ὁ δὲ κύγκλος ζῶν ἐστὶ πτηνὸν ἀσθενὲς τὰ<sup>6</sup>  
κατόπιν, καὶ διὰ τοῦτό φασι μὴ ἴδια μηδὲ καθ'  
ἑαυτὸν δυνάμενον αὐτὸν νεοττιαν<sup>7</sup> συμπλέξαι, ἐν  
ταῖς ἄλλων δὲ τίκτειν. ἐνθεν <τοι><sup>8</sup> καὶ τοὺς  
πτωχοὺς κύγκλους ἐκάλουν αἱ τῶν ἀγροίκων

<sup>1</sup> Reiske: οὖν.

<sup>3</sup> <δὲ> add. H.

<sup>5</sup> Ges: ρύμης.

<sup>7</sup> νεοττιαν most MSS.

<sup>2</sup> Reiske: ἀπεκρίναμεν.

<sup>4</sup> ἐνακμαζούση τῇ φλογί.

<sup>6</sup> τό.

<sup>8</sup> <τοι> add. H.

fusing the body of a maiden with that of a lion. And  
Euripides suggests this when he says [fr. 540 N.]

'And drawing her tail in beneath her lion's feet  
she sat down.'

And moreover they say that the Lion of Nemea fell  
from the moon. At any rate Epimenides also has  
these words [fr. 2, Diels *Vorsok.*<sup>6</sup> 1. 32]:

'For I am sprung from the fair-tressed Moon,  
who in a fearful shudder shook off the savage lion  
in Nemea, and brought him forth at the bidding of  
Queen Hera.'

Let us however relegate these matters to the region  
of myth; but the peculiarities of Lions have been  
sufficiently dealt with both earlier on and in the  
present chapter.

8. The Wax-moth is a creature that delights in the  
brilliance of fire and flies to lamps burning brightly,  
but falls into them owing to its momentum and is  
burned to death. And Aeschylus the Tragic poet  
mentions it in these words [fr. 288 N]:

'I greatly dread the foolish fate of the wax-  
moth.'

9. The Wagtail<sup>a</sup> is a winged creature weak in its  
hinder parts, and that is why (they say) it is in-  
capable of building a nest of its own accord or for  
itself, but lays its eggs in the nests of other birds.  
Hence in the proverbs of country folk poor men are

<sup>a</sup> So Thompson renders; but L-S<sup>9</sup> 'dabchick, *Podiceps  
ruficollis*.'

παροιμία. κινεῖ δὲ τὰ οὐραία πτερά, ὥσπερ οὖν  
ὁ παρὰ τῷ Ἀρχιλόχῳ κηρύλος. μέμνηται δὲ καὶ  
τοῦ ὄρνιθος τοῦδε Ἀριστοφάνης ἐν τῷ Ἀμφιαράῳ  
λέγων

ὁσφὺν δ' ἐξ ἄκρων διακίγκλισον ἥντε κίγκλος <sup>1</sup>  
ἄνδρὸς πρεσβύτου, τελέειν δ' ἀγαθὴν ἐπαοιδήν.

καὶ ἐν τῷ Γήρα

λορδοῦ κυγκλοβάταν ῥυθμόν.

καὶ Αὐτοκράτης <sup>2</sup> ἐν Τυμπανισταῖς

οἶα παίζουσιν φίλαι  
παρθένοι Λυδῶν κόραι  
κουῖφα πηδῶσαι πόδας,<sup>3</sup>  
κἀνακροῦνσαι χεροῖν,  
'Εφεσίαν παρ' Ἀρτεμιν  
καλλίσταν, καὶ τοῖν ἰσχύϊν  
τὸ μὲν κάτω τὸ δ' αὖ  
εἰς ἄνω ἐξαίρουσαι,<sup>4</sup>  
οἶα κίγκλος ἄλλεται.

10. Οἱ μύες ἀποθνήσκοντες καθ' ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἐκ  
μηδεμῆς ἐπιβουλῆς ἀπορρεόντων αὐτοῖς τῶν  
μελῶν κατὰ μικρὰ ἀπέρχονται τοῦ βίου. ἔνθεν  
<τοι> <sup>5</sup> καὶ ἡ παροιμία λέγει κατὰ μὲν ὅς ὀλεθρον,  
μέμνηται δὲ αὐτῆς Μένανδρος ἐν τῇ Θαΐδι.  
τρυγόνος δὲ λαλίστερον ἔλεγον. ἡ γάρ τοι  
τρυγῶν καὶ διὰ τοῦ στόματος μὲν ἀπαύστως  
φθέγγεται, ἥδη δὲ καὶ ἐκ τῶν κατόπιν μερῶν ὥς  
φασὶ πάμπλειστα. μέμνηται δὲ καὶ ταύτης τῆς  
παροιμίας ἐν τῷ Πιλοκίῳ ὁ αὐτός. καὶ Δημήτριος

called 'wagtails.' The bird moves its tail-feathers,  
like the ceryl in the passage of Archilochus [fr. 49 D].  
And Aristophanes also mentions this bird in his  
*Amphiarus* [fr. 29 K] thus:

'Give the old man's loins a thorough shaking,  
as the Wagtail does, and work a powerful spell.'

And in his *Geras* [fr. 140 K]:

'Rhythmic wagtail-gait of a belly-arching fellow.'

And Autocrates in his *Tympanistae* [fr. 1 K]:

'As sweet maidens, daughters of Lydia, sport  
and lightly leap and clap their hands in the temple  
of Artemis the Fair at Ephesus, now sinking down  
upon their haunches and again springing up, like  
the hopping wagtail.'

10 (i). When Mice die a natural death and not  
through any design upon them, their limbs dissolve  
and little by little they depart this life. That, you  
see, is the origin of the saying 'Like a mouse's  
death,' and Menander mentions it in his *Thaïs* [fr.  
219 K]. And men commonly say 'More talkative  
than a turtle-dove,' because the turtle-dove not only  
never stops uttering through its mouth, but they do  
say that it utters a great deal through its hinder  
parts also. And the same writer mentions this pro-  
verb in his *Necklace* [fr. 416 K]. And Demetrius in

<sup>1</sup> *Mein*: κίγκλου.

<sup>2</sup> *Ges*: αὐτοκρατήσας.

<sup>3</sup> *Fiorillo*: κόμαν MSS H.

<sup>4</sup> *Thompson*: -ουσα MSS, *edd.*

<sup>5</sup> <τοι> *add.* H.

ἐν τῇ Σικελίᾳ τῷ δράματι μέμνηται ὅτι καὶ τῇ  
πυγῇ λαλοῦσιν αἱ τρυγόνες.

Λέγουσι δὲ τοὺς μύας λαγνιστάτους εἶναι, καὶ  
μάρτυρά γε Κρατῖνον ἐπάγονται εἰπόντα ἐν ταῖς  
Δραπετίσι

φέρει νῦν σοι  
ἐξ αἰθρίας καταπυγούσῃν μυδὸς ἀστράψω Ξενο-  
φώντος.

καὶ ἔτι μᾶλλον τὸν θῆλυν ἔλεγον ἐς τὰ ἀφροδίσια  
εἶναι λυττητικόν. καὶ πάλιν παρὰ Ἐπικράτει ἐν  
τῷ Χορῷ<sup>1</sup>

τελέως δὲ μ' ὑπῆλθεν ἡ κατάρτος μαστροπὸς  
ἐπομύνουσα τὰν Κόραν τὰν Ἄρτεμιν  
τὰν Φερρέφατταν<sup>2</sup> ὡς δάμαλις, ὡς παρθένος,  
ὡς πῶλος ἀδμήης. ἡ δ' ἄρ' ἦν μυωνία,

ἐς ὑπερβολὴν δὲ λαγνιστάτην αὐτὴν εἰπεῖν  
ἠθέλησε 'μυωνίαν ὄλην' ὀνομάσας. καὶ Φιλήμων

μὺς λευκὸς, ὅταν αὐτὴν τις (ἀλλ' αἰσχύνομαι  
λέγειν), κέκραγε τηλικούτον εὐθὺς ἡ  
κατάρτος,<sup>3</sup> ὥστ' οὐκ ἔστι πολλάκις λαθεῖν.

11. Σέβουσι δὲ Αἰγύπτιοι καὶ μέλανα ταῦρον,  
καὶ καλοῦσιν Ὀνουφιν αὐτόν. καὶ τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ  
χώρου ἔνθα τρέφεται Αἰγύπτιοι λεγέτωσαν ἡμῖν  
λόγοι· τραχὺ γάρ. ἀντίαι <δὲ><sup>4</sup> αὐτῷ τριχες  
ἤπερ οὖν τοῖς ἄλλοις εἰσὶν· ἴδια γάρ τοι καὶ τοῦδε

<sup>1</sup> Χορῷ, δράμα δὲ ἐστὶ τῷ Ἐπικράτει τοῦτο.

<sup>2</sup> Μεῖν: φερρέφατταν.

<sup>3</sup> Bentley: κατάρτος μαστροπός.

<sup>4</sup> <δὲ> add. H.

his play *Sicelia* [fr. 3 K] mentions that turtle-doves  
chatter through their rump as well.

(ii). They say that Mice are exceedingly salacious, <sup>The Mouse, its character</sup>  
and they cite Cratinus as a witness, when he says in  
his *Drapetides* (Runaway slave-girls) [fr. 53 K]:

'Look you, from a clear sky will I blast with  
lightning the debauchery of that mouse Xenophon.'

And they say that the female mouse is even more  
madly amorous. And again from the *Chorus* of  
Epicrates [fr. 9 K] they cite these words:

'The accursed go-between fooled me com-  
pletely, swearing by the Maiden, by Artemis, by  
Persephone,<sup>a</sup> that the wench was a heifer, a  
virgin, an untamed filly—and all the time she was  
an absolute mousehole.'

By calling her an 'absolute mousehole' he meant to  
say that she was beyond measure lecherous. And  
Philemon says [fr. 126 K]:

'A white mouse, when someone tries to—but I  
am ashamed to say the word, the confounded  
woman at once lets out such a yell, that it is often  
impossible to avoid attracting attention.'

11. The Egyptians also worship a black bull which <sup>Onuphis, the sacred bull</sup>  
they call Onuphis. And the name of the place  
where it is reared let the Egyptian narratives tell us,  
for it is a hard name. Its hair grows the opposite  
way to that on other bulls; that is another of its

<sup>a</sup> The go-between is humorously depicted as not knowing  
that 'the Maiden' and 'Persephone' are one and the same  
person.

ταῦτα. μέγιστος δὲ ἦν ἄρα βοῶν οὗτος καὶ ὑπὲρ τοὺς Χάονας, οὐσπερ οὖν καὶ λαρινούς καλοῦσι Θεσπρωτοὶ τε καὶ Ἑπειρώται τῆς σπορᾶς τῆς τῶν Γηρυόνου βοῶν γενεαλογοῦντες αὐτούς. καὶ σιτεῖται γὰρ Ὀνουφίς πόαν Μηδικὴν οὗτος.

12. Ὀξύτατος δὲ ἦν ἄρα καὶ ἀλτικώτατος ἰχθύων ὁ δελφίς, ἀλλὰ καὶ τῶν χερσαίων ἀπάντων. ὑπερπηδᾷ γοῦν καὶ ναῦν, ὡς Ἀριστοτέλης λέγει, καὶ τὴν γε αἰτίαν πειράται προστιθέναι, καὶ ἔστιν αὕτη. συνέχει τὸ πνεῦμα, ὥσπερ οὖν καὶ οἱ ὑψιδροὶ κολυμβηταί. καὶ γάρ τοι καὶ ἐκεῖνοι ἐντείναντες <sup>1</sup> ἔνδον τὸ πνεῦμα, ὥσπερ οὖν νευράν, εἴτα τὸ σῶμα ὡς βέλος ἀφίαισι. τὸ δὲ θλιβόμενόν φησιν ἔνδον ὠθεῖ τε καὶ ἐξακοντίζει αὐτούς.

13. Ἡ δὲ φύσά ἐστιν ἰχθύς Αἰγύπτιος θαυμάσιος ἄξιος. οἶδε γὰρ ὡς φασιν ὅποτε ἡ σελήνη λήγει, οἶδε δὲ αὐτῆς καὶ τὴν αὔξησιν. καὶ οὖν καὶ τὸ ἦπαρ αὐτοῦ συναύζεται <sup>2</sup> τῇ θεῷ ἢ συμφθίνει, καὶ πῇ μὲν εὐτραφές ἐστι, πῇ δὲ λεπτότερον.<sup>3</sup>

14. Ὁ δὲ γλάνις <sup>4</sup> ἐστὶ μὲν περὶ τὸν Μαίανδρον καὶ τὸν Λύκον τοὺς Ἀσιανούς ποταμούς, τῆς δὲ Εὐρώπης περὶ τὸν Στρυμόνα, καὶ σιλούρω μὲν τὸ εἶδος ὁμοίός ἐστι. πέφυκε δὲ φιλοτεκνότητος ἰχθύων οὗτος. ὅταν γοῦν ἡ θήλεια ἀποκνήσῃ, ἡ

<sup>1</sup> καὶ οὗτοι καὶ ἐκεῖνοι συναύζαντες.

<sup>3</sup> εὐτραφής . . . λεπτότερος.

<sup>2</sup> συναύζει.

<sup>4</sup> Schn: γλάνις.

<sup>a</sup> Coastal district in the N of Epirus.

peculiarities. It is larger, it seems, than all other bulls, even than those of Chaonia<sup>a</sup> which the inhabitants of Thesprotia and Epirus call 'fatted,' tracing their descent from the oxen of Geryones.<sup>b</sup> This Onuphis is fed upon lucerne.

12. It seems that the Dolphin is swifter and can leap higher than all other fish, in fact than all land animals also. At any rate it leaps even over a vessel, as Aristotle says [*HA* 631 a 22]; and he attempts to assign a cause for this, which is as follows. It holds its breath as divers do when under water. For, you know, divers straining the breath in their bodies, let it go like a bowstring, and with it their bodies like an arrow; and, says Aristotle, the breath compressed inside them thrusts and shoots them upwards.

13. The *Physa*<sup>c</sup> is an Egyptian fish that fills one with astonishment, for it knows, they say, when the Moon is waning and when it is waxing. Moreover its liver grows or dwindles as that goddess does: at one time it is well-nourished, at another it is more shrunken.

14. The Catfish is found in the Maeander and the Lycus, the rivers of Asia Minor, and in the Strymon in Europe, and resembles the European sheat-fish. It is of all fishes the most devoted to its offspring. At any rate the female after parturition ceases to pay attention to her children, like a woman who has

<sup>b</sup> A monster possessing three heads (or bodies) and living in Spain. The capture of his oxen was the tenth Labour of Heracles.

<sup>c</sup> Not certainly identified; perh. the Globe-fish.

μὲν ἀφείται τῆς ὑπὲρ τῶν τέκνων φροντίδος, οἷα δὴπον λεχῶ, ὁ δὲ ἄρρην τῇ φρουρᾷ τῇ τῶν βρεφῶν ἑαυτὸν ἐπιτάξας παραμένει, πᾶν ἀναστέλλων τὸ ἐπιβουλεύον. ἱκανὸς δέ ἐστι καὶ ἄγκιστρον καταπιεῖν, ὡς Ἀριστοτέλης φησὶν.

15. Βάτραχος ὕδρον μισεῖ καὶ δέδουκεν ἰσχυρῶς. οὐκοῦν τῇ βοῇ τῇ πολλῇ πειράται ἀντεκπλήττειν αὐτὸν καὶ ἀντιφοβεῖν. κροκοδύλου δὲ κακουργία<sup>1</sup> ἐς ἀνθρώπου τε θήραν καὶ ζώου ἑτέρου,<sup>2</sup> τὴν ἀτραπὸν δι' ἧς οἶδε κατιόντας ἐς ποταμὸν ἢ ἐφ' ὑδρείαν ἢ ἵππου<sup>3</sup> ἀρδεῖαν ἢ καμήλου ἢ καὶ νῆ Δία ὥστε ἐπιβῆναι πλοίου, ταύτην<sup>4</sup> τοι νύκτωρ πολλῶ τῷ ὕδατι καταρραίνει, καὶ ἐμπλήσας τὸ στόμα ἐγγεῖ κατὰ τῆς ἀτραποῦ πολλάκις, ὀλισθηρὰν αὐτὴν ἐργάσασθαι θέλων καὶ εὐκολωτέραν ἑαυτῷ τὴν ἄγραν ἀποφαίνων. τὰ γάρ τοι<sup>5</sup> κατολισθάνοντα οὐ κρατεῖ τῆς ἐπιβάθρας, ἀλλ' ἐκείνα μὲν κατηνέχθη, ὁ δὲ ὑπεπήδησεν ὑπολαβὼν καὶ δειπνεῖ. ὀλίγα δὲ κροκοδύλων περί ἐρῶ καὶ νῦν. οὐ πρὸς πᾶν τὸ τῶν τροχίλων γένος ἐστὶ τῷδε τῷ θηρίῳ ἐνσπονδα (πολλὰ δὲ αὐτῶν γένη καὶ ὀνόματα, τραχέα δὲ καὶ ἀκούσαι ἀντίτυπα, καὶ διὰ τοῦτο ἐῷ αὐτά) μόνον δὲ τὸν καλούμενον κλαδαρόρυγχον ἐταῖρον καὶ φίλον ἔχει. δύναται γὰρ οὗτος ἀλύπως ἐκλέγειν αὐτῷ τὰς βδέλλας.

<sup>1</sup> κακουργία καὶ ἐκείνη MSS, πανουργία Radermacher.

<sup>2</sup> ἑτέρου ἐτραπῆ MSS, ἐτραπῆ del. edd.; H marks a lacuna, Radermacher places a comma, after ἑτέρου.

<sup>3</sup> ἵππου τινός.

<sup>4</sup> Ραυω: ταύτη.

<sup>5</sup> Perh. a subst. is missing, H.

newly given birth, whereas the male takes charge of the young things, stays by them, and wards off every attempt upon them. And he is quite capable, according to Aristotle [*HA* 621 b 2], of swallowing<sup>a</sup> a fish-hook.

15. The Frog abhors and greatly dreads the water-snake. Accordingly, in return it tries to terrify and scare the water-snake by its loud croaking. The malice of the Crocodile in its pursuit of men and other animals <is shown by the following example>. When it knows the path by which men come down to a river either to draw water or to water a horse or a camel or even to embark on a vessel, it floods the track with a quantity of water by night and filling its mouth, pours the contents on the path again and again, meaning to make it slippery and to render the capture easier for itself. For when <men or animals> slip they do not retain their hold on the gang-plank but fall off, whereupon the Crocodile, leaping up, seizes and makes a meal of them. I have still to mention a few facts touching Crocodiles. This animal is not well-disposed to every species of Egyptian plover (and there are many species, with names harsh and repulsive to the ear, and so I omit them); it is only the Clapperbill,<sup>b</sup> as it is called, that it treats as companion and friend, for this bird is able to pick off the leeches without coming to harm.

Frog and  
Water-snake

The  
Crocodile

and the  
Clapperbill

<sup>a</sup> Ar. says συνδάκνων διαφθείρει τὰ ἄγκιστρα.

<sup>b</sup> Another name for the τροχίλος, the Egyptian plover. See above, 3. 11; 8. 25.



16. Λέγει Δημόκριτος πολύγονα εἶναι τὴν καὶ κύναν, καὶ τὴν αἰτίαν προστίθῃσι λέγων, ὅτι πολλὰς ἔχει τὰς μήτρας καὶ τοὺς τόπους τοὺς δεκτικούς τοῦ σπέρματος. ὁ τοίνυν θορὸς οὐκ ἓκ μιᾶς ὁρμῆς ἀπάσας αὐτὰς ἐκπληροῖ, ἀλλὰ δῖς τε καὶ τρίς ταῦτα τὰ ζῶα ἐπιθόρνυται, ἵνα ἡ συνέχεια πληρώσῃ τὰ τοῦ γόνου δεκτικά. ἡμίονους δὲ λέγει μὴ τίκτειν· μὴ γὰρ ἔχειν ὁμοίας μήτρας τοῖς ἄλλοις ζώοις, ἑτερομόρφους δέ, ἡκιστα δυναμένας γονὴν δέξασθαι· μὴ γὰρ εἶναι φύσεως ποίημα τὴν ἡμίονον, ἀλλὰ ἐπινοίας ἀνθρωπίνης καὶ τόλμης ὡς ἂν εἴποις μοιχιδίου<sup>1</sup> ἐπιτέγχημα τοῦτο καὶ κλέμμα. δοκεῖ δέ μοι, ἡ δ' ὅς, ὄνου ἵππον βιασαμένου<sup>2</sup> κατὰ τύχην κυῆσαι, μαθητὰς δὲ ἀνθρώπων τῆς βίας ταύτης γεγεννημένους εἶτα μέντοι προελθεῖν ἐπὶ τὴν τῆς γονῆς αὐτῶν συνήθειαν, καὶ μάλιστα γὰρ τοὺς τῶν Λιβύων ὄνους μεγίστους ὄντας ἐπιβαίνειν ταῖς ἵπποις οὐ κομώσαις ἀλλὰ κεκαρμέναις· ἔχουσα γὰρ τὴν ἑαυτῆς ἀγλατάν τὴν διὰ τῆς κόμης οὐκ ἂν ὑπομένειε<sup>3</sup> τὸν τοιόνδε γαμέτην οἱ σοφοὶ τοὺς τούτων γάμους φασίν.

17. Ἐν τοῖς νοτίοις μᾶλλον ἐκπίπτειν τὰ ἔμβρυα Δημόκριτος λέγει ἢ ἐν τοῖς βορείοις, καὶ εἰκότως· χαννοῦσθαι γὰρ ὑπὸ τοῦ νότου τὰ σώματα ταῖς κυούσαις καὶ διύστασθαι. ἅτε τοίνυν τοῦ σκήνους διακεχυμένου καὶ οὐχ ἡρμοσμένου ἀλεαίνεσθαι<sup>4</sup> τὰ κυόμενα καὶ θερμαινόμενα δεῦρο καὶ ἐκείσε διολισθάνειν καὶ ἐκπίπτειν ῥᾶον· εἰ δὲ εἴῃ πάγος καὶ βορρᾶς καταπνέοι, συμπέπηγε μὲν τὸ ἔμβρυον,

<sup>1</sup> Reiske: μοιχιδιον.

<sup>2</sup> Diels: ὄνος... βιασάμενος MSS, βιάσασθαι H, κυῆσαι del. H.

16. Democritus states that the Pig and the Dog bring forth many at a birth, and he assigns the cause to the fact that they have many wombs and many places for the reception of semen. Now the seed does not fill them all at a single ejaculation, but these animals copulate twice or three times in order that the continuance of the act may fill the receptacles of the seed. Mules however, he says, do not give birth, for they have not got wombs like other animals but of a different formation and quite incapable of receiving seed; for the mule is not the product of nature but a surreptitious contrivance of the ingenuity and, so to say, adulterous daring of man. And I fancy, said Democritus, that a mare became pregnant from being by chance violated by an ass, and that men were its pupils in this deed of violence, and presently accustomed themselves to the use of the offspring. And it is especially the asses of Libya which, being very big, mount mares that have no manes, having been clipped. For those who know about the coupling of horses say that a mare in possession of the glory of her mane would never tolerate such a mate.

Democritus on the fecundity of certain animals

The Libyan Ass and mares

17. Democritus says that the foetus is dropped more easily in southern countries than in northern; and this is natural because the south wind makes the bodies of pregnant females relax and expand. So as the shelter has been loosened and is no longer close-fitting, the embryo grows warm and the heat causes it to slip this way and that and to drop out with greater ease. If however there is a frost and the north wind is blowing, the embryo is congealed and

Democritus on the effects of climate on the animal foetus

<sup>3</sup> ὑπομείνη.

<sup>4</sup> πλανᾶσθαι καί.

δυσκίνητον δέ ἐστι καὶ οὐ ταραττεται ὡς ὑπὸ κλυδωνος, αἰτέ δὲ ἄκλυστον καὶ ἐν γαλήνῃ ὄν ἔρρωται τε καὶ ἐστι σύντονον καὶ διαρκεῖ πρὸς τὸν κατὰ φύσιν χρόνον τῆς ζωογονίας. οὐκοῦν ἐν κρυμῷ μὲν φησιν ὁ Ἀβδηρίτης συμμένει, ἐν ἀλέᾳ δὲ ὡς τὰ πολλὰ ἐκπίυεται. ἀνάγκη δὲ εἶναι λέγει τῆς θερμῆς πλεοναζούσης διύστασθαι καὶ τὰς φλέβας καὶ τὰ ἄρθρα.

18. Αἰτίαν δὲ ὁ αὐτὸς λέγει τοῖς ἐλάφοις τῆς τῶν κεράτων ἀναφύσεως ἐκείνην εἶναι. ἡ γαστήρ αὐτοῖς ὡς ἐστι θερμοτάτη ὁμολογεῖ, καὶ τὰς φλέβας δὲ αὐτῶν τὰς διὰ τοῦ σώματος πεφυκυίας παντὸς ἀραιότητας λέγει, καὶ τὸ ὅσπου τὸ κατειληφὸς τὸν ἐγκέφαλον λεπτότατον εἶναι καὶ ὑμενώδες καὶ ἀραιόν, φλέβας τε ἐντεῦθεν [καὶ]<sup>1</sup> ἐς ἄκραν τὴν κεφαλὴν ὑπανίσχειν παχυτάτας. τὴν γοῦν τροφήν καὶ ταύτης γε τὸ γονιμώτατον ὥκιστα ἀναδίδοσθαι. καὶ ἡ μὲν πιμελή αὐτοῖς ἔξωθεν φησι περιχεῖται, ἡ δὲ ἰσχὺς τῆς τροφῆς ἐς τὴν κεφαλὴν διὰ τῶν φλεβῶν ἀναθόρνυται. ἐνθεν οὖν τὰ κέρατα ἐκφύεσθαι διὰ πολλῆς ἐπαρδόμενα τῆς ἱκμάδος. συνεχῆς οὖν οὕσα ἐπιρρέουσά τε ἔξωθεν τὰ πρότερα. καὶ τὸ μὲν ὑπερίσχον ὕγρον ἔξω τοῦ σώματος σκληρὸν γίνεται, πηγνύντος αὐτὸ καὶ κερατοῦντος τοῦ αἵματος, τὸ δὲ ἔνδον ἔτι μεμυκὸς ἀπαλὸν ἐστι. καὶ τὸ μὲν σκληρύνεται ὑπὸ τῆς ἔξωθεν ψύξεως, τὸ δὲ ἀπαλὸν μένει ὑπὸ τῆς ἔνδον ἀλέας. οὐκοῦν ἡ ἐπίφυσις τοῦ νέου κέρατος τὸ πρεσβύτερον ὡς ἀλλότριον ἔξωθει,

<sup>1</sup> καὶ *del.* H.

is not easily moved, and is not rocked as it were by a wave, but as though it were in a waveless calm, remains firm and taut and endures until the time ordained by nature for its birth. And so in cold, according to the philosopher of Abdera, the foetus remains in its place, but in warmth it is generally ejected. For when the heat is excessive, he says that the veins and sex-organs are bound to expand.

18. And the same writer says that the reason why Deer grow horns is as follows. He agrees that their stomach is extremely hot, and that the veins throughout their entire body are extremely fine, while the bone containing the brain is extremely thin, like a membrane, and loose in texture, and the veins that rise from it to the crown of the head are extremely thick. The food at all events, or at any rate the most productive part of it, is distributed through the body at great speed: the fatty portion of it, he says, envelops their body on the outside, while the solid portion mounts through the veins to the brain. And this is how horns, being moistened with plentiful juices, come to sprout. The continuous flow therefore extrudes the earlier horns. And the moisture which rises and emerges from the body solidifies, the air congealing and hardening it into horns, while that which is still enclosed in the body is soft. The one portion is rendered solid by the external cold; the other remains soft owing to the internal heat. Accordingly the added growth of the new horn extrudes the older as alien, because what is within chafes and tries to push it upwards, swelling and throbbing as though it were in haste to be born and to emerge, for the juice, you see, burst-

Democritus  
on the horns  
of Deer

θλίβοντος τοῦ ἔνδοθεν καὶ ἀνωθεὶν τοῦτο ἐθέλοντος καὶ οἰδάνοντος<sup>1</sup> καὶ σφύζοντος, ὥσπερ οὖν ἐπειγομένου τεχθῆναι καὶ προελθεῖν. ἡ γὰρ τοι ἱκμάς ῥήγνυμένη<sup>2</sup> καὶ ὑπανατέλλουσα ἀτρεμεῖν ἀδύνατός ἐστι, γίνεται δὲ ἄρα<sup>3</sup> καὶ αὐτὴ σκληρὰ καὶ ἐπωθεῖται τοῖς προτέροις. καὶ τὰ μὲν πλείω ἐκθλίβεται ὑπὸ τῆς ἰσχύος τῆς ἔνδον, ἥδη δὲ τινα καὶ κλάδοις περισχεθέντα καὶ ἐμποδίζοντα ἐς τὸν ὠκύν δρόμον ὑπὸ ῥύμης<sup>4</sup> τὸ θηρίον ὠθούμενον ἀπήραξε. καὶ τὰ μὲν ἐξώλισθε, τὰ δὲ ἔτοιμα ἐκκύπτει ἡ φύσις προάγει.

19. Οἱ τομῖαι βόες (Δημόκριτος λέγει), σκολιὰ καὶ λεπτὰ καὶ μακρὰ φύεται τὰ κέρατα αὐτοῖς, τοῖς δὲ ἐνόρχοις παχέα τὰ πρὸς τῇ ῥίζῃ καὶ ὀρθὰ καὶ ἐς<sup>5</sup> μήκος προήκοντα ἦττον. καὶ πλατυμετώπους εἶναι λέγει τούτους τῶν ἐτέρων πολλῶ μᾶλλον· τῶν γὰρ φλεβῶν πολλῶν ἐνταῦθα οὐσῶν, εὐρύνεσθαι τὰ ὁστά ὑπ' αὐτῶν. καὶ ἡ ἔκφυσις δὲ τῶν κεράτων παχυτέρα οὐσα ἐς πλάτος τὸ αὐτὸ τῷ ζῳῷ μέρος προάγει καὶ ἐκεῖνη· οἱ δὲ τομῖαι μικρὸν ἔχοντες τὸν κύκλον τῆς ἑδρας τῆς τῶν κεράτων πλατύνονται ἥττον φησιν.

20. Οἱ δὲ ἄκερω ταῦροι τὸ τευθρηγιῶδες<sup>6</sup> (οὕτω δὲ ὀνομάζει Δημόκριτος, εἴη δ' ἂν τὸ σπαραγῶδες λέγων)<sup>7</sup> ἐπὶ τοῦ βρέγματος οὐκ ἔχοντες ἀντιτύπου τοῦ παντὸς ὄντος ὅσπου καὶ τὰς συρροίας τῶν χυμῶν οὐ δεχομένου, γυμνοὶ τε καὶ ἀμοιροὶ γίνονται τῶν ἀμυντηρίων. καὶ αἱ φλέβες δὲ αἱ

<sup>1</sup> Paus.: οἰδανόντος.

<sup>3</sup> δὲ ἄρα] γάρ.

<sup>2</sup> Triller: πηγνυμένη MSS, H.

<sup>4</sup> Ges: ῥώμης.

ing out and mounting upwards from below cannot remain stationary, but it too solidifies and is impelled against the parts above it. And the older horns are in most cases forced out by the strength of that which is within, although in some cases the animal, forced ahead by its own momentum, has broken off horns that have got entangled in branches and hinder it from running swiftly. These then drop off, but the new horns which are ready to peep out are pushed forward by nature.

19. Castrated Oxen, says Democritus, grow curved, thin, and long horns; whereas those of uncastrated Oxen are thick at the base, straight, and of shorter length. And he says that these have a much wider forehead than the others, for as there are many veins in that part, the bones are in consequence broader. And the growth of the horns, being thicker makes that part of the animal broader, whereas castrated Oxen in which the circumference at the base of the horns is but small, have a narrower forehead, says he.

Democritus  
on the  
growth of  
horns in  
Oxen

20. But hornless Bulls, not possessing the 'honey-combed' part of the forehead (so Democritus styles it; his meaning would be 'porous'), since the entire bone is solid and does not permit the conflux of the body's juices, are unprotected and destitute of the means of self-defence. And since the veins in this

Democritus  
on hornless  
Bulls

<sup>5</sup> πρὸς.

<sup>6</sup> Schn: θρηγιῶδες.

<sup>7</sup> εἴη δ' ἂν... λέγων translated by Warmington, οὐκ ἔχοντες (εἴη... λέγων) MSS, H.

κατὰ τοῦ ὁστοῦ τοῦδε ἀτροφώτεραι οὖσαι, λεπτότεραί τε καὶ ἀσθενέστεραι γίνονται. ἀνάγκη δὲ καὶ ξηρότερον τὸν αὐχένα τῶν ἀκεράτων εἶναι. λεπτότεραι γὰρ καὶ αἱ τούτου φλέβες. ταύτῃ τοι καὶ ἔρρωμένοι ἦττον. ὅσαι δὲ Ἀράβιοι βόες θήλειαι μὲν εἰσι τὸ γένος, εὐφυεῖς δὲ τὰ κέρατα, ταύταις<sup>1</sup> ἢ γε πολλῇ ἐπίρροια τῶν χυμῶν φησι τροφή τῆς εὐγενοῦς βλάστης τοῖς κέρασιν ἔστιν. ἀκέρω δὲ καὶ αὐταὶ ὅσαι τὸ δεκτικὸν τῆς ἱκμάδος ὁστοῦν στερεώτερόν τε ἔχουσι καὶ δέχεσθαι τοὺς χυμοὺς ἠκιστον. καὶ συνελόντι εἰπεῖν αὖξιν ἢ ἐπίρροῃ αἰτία τοῖς κέρασι. ταύτην δὲ ἄρα ἐποχετεύουσι φλέβες πλεῖσταί τε καὶ παχύταται καὶ ὑγρὸν κύουσαι ὅσον καὶ δύνανται στέγειν.

21. Ἴδιον δὲ τῶν ζῴων καὶ ἡ φιλάνθρωπια. αἰετὸς γοῦν ἔθρεψε βρέφος. καὶ εἰπεῖν τὸν πάντα λόγον ἐθέλω, ὥς ἂν γένηται<sup>2</sup> μάρτυς ὢν προεθέμην. Βαβυλωνίων βασιλεύοντος Σενηχόρου Χαλδαῖοι λέγουσι τὸν γενόμενον ἐκ τῆς ἐκείνου θυγατρὸς τὴν βασιλείαν ἀφαιρήσεσθαι τὸν πάππον.<sup>3</sup> τοῦτο ἐκεῖνος πέφρικε, καὶ ἵνα εἴπω τι καὶ ὑποπαίσας Ἀκρίσιος γίνεται ἐς τὴν παῖδα. ἐφρουρεῖ γὰρ πικρότατα. λάθρα δὲ ἡ παῖς (ἦν γὰρ τοῦ Βαβυλωνίου σοφώτερον τὸ χρεών) τίκτει<sup>4</sup> ὑποπλησθεῖσα ἐκ τινος ἀνδρὸς ἀφανοῦς. τοῦτο οὖν οἱ φυλάττοντες δέει τοῦ βασιλέως ἔρριψαν ἐκ τῆς ἀκροπόλεως. ἦν γὰρ ἐνταῦθα ἀφειργμένη ἢ προειρημένη. οὐκοῦν αἰετὸς<sup>5</sup> τὴν ἐπὶ τοῦ παιδὸς καταφορὰν ὀξύτατα ἰδὼν, πρὶν ἢ τῇ γῇ προσαραχθῆναι τὸ βρέφος,

<sup>1</sup> καὶ ταύταις.

<sup>2</sup> γένοιτο.

<sup>3</sup> πάππον. καὶ Χαλδαῖον μὲν ἦν τὸ εἰρημένον θέσιμα.

bone are somewhat under-nourished, they grow thinner and feebler. The neck too is of necessity drier in hornless Bulls, for the veins in it also are thinner. And that is why the veins are not so strong. But all the Arabian cows that have finely developed horns, have them (he says) because the copious influx of animal juices promotes the splendid growth of the horns. But even Arabian cows are hornless when they have the frontal bone that receives the moist secretions too solid and unreceptive of the animal juices. In a word, this influx is the cause of growth in horns, and the flow is introduced where the veins are most numerous, thickest, and as full of moisture as they can hold.

21. A love of man is another characteristic of animals. At any rate an Eagle fostered a baby. Eagle saves the baby Gilgames And I want to tell the whole story so that I may have evidence of my proposition. When Seuechorus was king of Babylon the Chaldeans foretold that the son born of his daughter would wrest the kingdom from his grandfather. This made him afraid and (if I may be allowed the small jest) he played Acrisius<sup>a</sup> to his daughter: he put the strictest of watches upon her. For all that, since fate was cleverer than the king of Babylon, the girl became a mother, being pregnant by some obscure man. So the guards from fear of the King hurled the infant from the citadel, for that was where the aforesaid

<sup>a</sup> King Acrisius for the same reason immured his daughter Danae in a brazen tower, where she was visited by Zeus in a shower of gold and gave birth to Perseus.

<sup>4</sup> *Perh. ἀρρεν has fallen out after τίκτει H.*

<sup>5</sup> ὁ αἰετός.

ὑπῆλθεν αὐτὸ καὶ τὰ νῶτα ὑπέβαλε, καὶ κομίζει ἐς κηπὸν τινα, καὶ τίθησι πεφεισμένως ἐν μάλα. ὁ τοῦνυν τοῦ χώρου μελεδωνὸς τὸ καλὸν παιδίον θεασάμενος ἑρᾷ αὐτοῦ καὶ τρέφει· καὶ καλεῖται Γίλγαμος, καὶ βασιλεύει Βαβυλωνίων. εἰ δέ τω δοκεῖ μῦθος τοῦτο, σύμφημι πειρώμενος ἐς ἰσχὺν κατεγνώκεναι αὐτόν. Ἀχαιμένη <γε><sup>1</sup> μὴν τὸν Πέρσην, ἀφ' οὗ καὶ κάτεισιν ἡ τῶν Περσῶν εὐγένεια, αἰτοῦ τρόφιμον ἀκοῦω γενέσθαι.

22. Ἐν δὲ Κρήτῃ Ῥοκκαίας οὕτως Ἀρτέμιδος καλεῖται νεώς. ἐνταῦθα οἱ κύνες λυττώσιν ἰσχυρῶς. ἐς ταύτην οὖν ὅταν τὴν νόσον ἐμπέσωσιν, εἰτα μέντοι ἑαυτοὺς ἐκ τῆς ἄκρας ἐπὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν ὠθοῦσιν ἐς τὴν θάλατταν.

23. Ἐν τῇ Ἐλυμαίᾳ χώρα νεώς ἐστὶν Ἀναΐτιδος,<sup>2</sup> καὶ εἰσιν ἐνταυθοὶ τιθασοὶ λέοντες, καὶ τοὺς ἐς τὸν νεῶν παριόντας ἀσπάζονται τε καὶ σαίνουσι. καὶ εἰ καλοῖς ἐσθίων, οἱ δὲ ὡς κλητοὶ δαιτυμόνες ἔρχονται, καὶ ὅσα ἂν ὀρέξης λαβόντες εἰτα ἀπίασι σωφρόνως τε καὶ κεκοσμημένως.

24. Ἐν τῇ θαλάττῃ τῇ Ἐρυθρᾷ ἰχθὺς γίνεται φασί, καὶ ὄνομα αὐτῷ ὕγρος φοῖνιξ, καὶ γραμμὰς

<sup>1</sup> <γε> add. H.

<sup>2</sup> Valesius: Ἀδώνιδος.

<sup>a</sup> The legendary (or semi-legendary) hero of the Gilgamesh Epic. See M. Jastrow, *Religion of Babylonia and Assyria*, pp. 469, 524.

<sup>b</sup> Rhocca, a settlement a little way S of Methymna at the western end of Crete.

girl was imprisoned. Now an Eagle which saw with its piercing eye the child while still falling, before it was dashed to the earth, flew beneath it, flung its back under it, and conveyed it to some garden and set it down with the utmost care. But when the keeper of the place saw the pretty baby he fell in love with it and nursed it; and it was called Gilgames " and became king of Babylon.

If anyone regards this as a legend, I, after testing it to the best of my ability, concur in the verdict. I have heard however that Achaemenes the Persian, from whom the Persian aristocracy are descended, was nursed by an Eagle.

22. In Crete there is a temple to Artemis Rhoccaea,<sup>b</sup> as she is called. The dogs there go raving mad. So when they are afflicted with this disease they hurl themselves head foremost from the promontory into the sea.

Dogs at Rhocca

23. In the country of Elam<sup>c</sup> there is a shrine to Anaitis<sup>d</sup> and there are tame lions there which welcome and fawn upon those on their way to the shrine. And if you call them while you are eating they come like guests invited to a meal, and after taking whatever you offer, they depart in a modest and becoming manner.

Tame Lions in Elam

24. In the Red Sea, so they say, there is a fish, and its name is the 'Water-Phoenix.' It has black

The Water-Phoenix

<sup>c</sup> A part of Susiana, at the N end of the Persian Gulf.

<sup>d</sup> Perhaps a Babylonian goddess, identified by the Greeks sometimes with Athena, at others with Aphrodite, most commonly with Artemis.

ἔχει μελαίνας, καὶ μεταξύ τούτων κυαναῖς <sup>1</sup> σταγόσι κατέστικται.

25. Τῷ δὲ σαύρῳ τῷ ἐκείθι τὸ μὲν μῆκος τῷ κατὰ τὴν ἡμετέραν γινομένην θάλατταν ἴσον ἐστί, ῥάβδοι δὲ αὐτὸν περιέρχονται χρυσῷ προσεικασμέναι ἀπὸ τῶν βραγχίων ἐς τὴν οὐρὰν καθήκουσαι, μέση δὲ αὐτὰς διατέμνει <sup>2</sup> ἀργύρῳ προσεικασμένη. τὸ στόμα δὲ αὐτῷ κέχηνε, καὶ ἡ κάτω γένυς ἐς τὴν ἄνω νεύειν πέφυκε <sup>3</sup>. πρασίνοισι δὲ ἔχει τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς, βλέφαρα δὲ αὐτοὺς περιέρχεται χρυσοειδῆ. ἔστι δὲ καὶ ὁ χάραξ καλούμενος <sup>4</sup> τῆς αὐτῆς θαλάττης θρέμμα. ἔχει δὲ πτερύγια, καὶ χρυσῷ προσεικασταὶ ὅσα γε ἰδεῖν τὰ παρ' ἑκάτερα, καὶ νωτιαῖα ὅσα καὶ ταῦτα ἔχει χρυσοειδῆ. κατωτέρω δὲ ἄρα εἰσι πορφυραὶ ζῶναι τὴν χροάν, χρυσοειδὲς δὲ καὶ τὸ οὐραῖόν μοι νόει τοῦ αὐτοῦ, πορφυραὶ δὲ ἄρα στιγμαὶ <sup>5</sup> τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς αὐτῷ μέσους ἐς κάλλος γράφουσιν. ὁ δὲ τοξότης ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ θαλάττῃ γινόμενος ἐχίνῳ ὁμοῖός ἐστι τὸ εἶδος, κέντρα δὲ ἔχει στερεὰ καὶ μακρά.

26. Αἱ δὲ ὕστριχες αἱ Λιβυκαὶ κεντοῦσί τε <sup>6</sup> τοὺς ἀπτομένους πικρῶς καὶ μέντοι καὶ ὀδύνας ἐνεργάζονται χαλεπὰς. <sup>7</sup> καὶ τεθνεώτων δὲ πονηρὰ τὰ ἐκ τῶν ἀκανθῶν νύγματα ἀπαντᾶ, ὥς φασιν.

27. Ἔστι δὲ ἐν τῇ θαλάττῃ τῇ Ἐρυθρᾷ καὶ πίθηκος, οὐκ ἰχθύς, ἀλλὰ σελαχῶδες ζῶον, <sup>8</sup> οὐ

<sup>1</sup> κυαναῖς.

<sup>2</sup> ὑποπέφυκε.

<sup>3</sup> Jac: διατέμνει χρυσῷ.

<sup>4</sup> ὁ καλούμενος.

<sup>5</sup> ἀραστεγκιαὶ V, ἄρα γε σκιαὶ other mss.

stripes, and between them it is speckled with dark blue dots.

25. The Horse-mackerel in the Red Sea is the same length as that which occurs in our sea: its body is encircled with stripes like gold which extend from the gills to the tail, and a silvery stripe parts them in two. Its mouth is open and the lower jaw projects beyond the upper; its eyes are green and are surrounded by lids of a golden colour.

The fish called *Charax* is another product of the same sea. It has fins, and the lateral ones are like gold in appearance, and so are all its dorsal fins. On the lower part of its body are rings of purple, but the tail, believe me, is golden, while purple dots colour beautifully the centre of its eyes.

The Archer, <sup>a</sup> which occurs in the same sea, The 'Archer fish resembles the sea-urchin in appearance and has hard, long prickles.

26. The Porcupines of Libya administer a sharp prick to those who touch them and even cause severe pains. Even when dead their bristles can give a nasty stab, so they say.

27. There is also a Monkey <sup>b</sup> in the Red Sea; it is not a fish but a cartilaginous creature, and not 'Monkey'

<sup>a</sup> The Globe- or Porcupine-fish.

<sup>b</sup> Thompson (*Gk. fishes*, s.v. *πίθηκος*) takes this to be a fanciful description of *Malihe*, a . . . relation of the . . . Fishing-frog.

<sup>6</sup> Reiske: γε.

<sup>7</sup> χαλεπὰς τὰ κέντρα.

<sup>8</sup> ζῶον οἶονεῖ ἄλεπον.

μέγα δὲ οὐδὲ τοῦτο. ἔοικέ γε μὴν τῷ χερσαίῳ ὁ θαλάττιος τὴν χροάν, καὶ τὸ πρόσωπον δὲ πιθηκῶ-  
δές οἷ ἐστι. προβέβληται δὲ τοῦ λοιποῦ σώματος  
ἔλυτρον, οὐκ ἰχθυῶδες, ἀλλὰ ὥς γε τὸ τῆς χελώνης  
εἶναι. ὑπόσιμος δὲ καὶ οὗτος, οἷα δῆπου καὶ ὁ  
χερσαῖος. τὸ δ' ἄλλο σῶμα πλατὺς κατὰ σχῆμα  
τὸ τῆς νάρκης, ὥς εἰπεῖν ὄρνιν εἶναι τὰς πτέρυγας  
ἀπλώσαντα· καὶ νηχόμενός γε ἔοικε πετομένῳ.  
παρὰλλάττει δὲ τοῦ χερσαίου<sup>1</sup> καὶ ταύτῃ. κατὰ-  
στικτός ἐστι, πυρροὶ δὲ εἰσὶν οἱ κατὰ τοῦ ἰνίου  
πλατεῖς,<sup>2</sup> ὥς βράγχια. τὸ δὲ στόμα ἐπ' ἄκρῳ<sup>3</sup>  
τῷ προσώπῳ ἔχει μακρόν, συμφυῶς<sup>4</sup> τῇ τοῦ  
χερσαίου πλάσει καὶ κατὰ τοῦτο ὁ ἰχθὺς εἰκασμέ-  
νος.

28. Ἡ ἀηδὼν διὰ τοῦ θέρους καὶ τὴν χροάν  
ἐκτρέπει ἐς εἶδος ἕτερον, καὶ μεταβάλλει τὸ  
φώνημα· οὐ γὰρ ᾄδει πολυήχως καὶ ποικίλως,  
ἐτέρως δὲ ἥπερ οὖν διὰ τοῦ ἡρος. κόσσυφος δὲ  
θέρους μὲν ᾄδει, χειμῶνος δὲ παταγεὶ καὶ τετα-  
ραγμένον φθέγγεται, καὶ τὴν χροάν ὥς στολὴν  
μεταμφιεσάμενος<sup>5</sup> ἀπὸ τοῦ πρόσθεν μέλανος  
ὑπόξανθός ἐστιν. ἥ γε μὴν κίχλη χειμῶνός ἐστι  
ψαροτέρα· ἰδεῖν, θέρους δὲ τὸν αὐχένα ποικίλον  
ἐπιδείκνυσιν. καὶ ἰχθὺς δὲ τὴν χροάν μεταβλητικοὶ  
οἶδε, κίχλαι τε καὶ κόσσυφοι καὶ φυκίδες τε καὶ  
μαινίδες. οἱ δὲ θῶες, ὥς Ἀριστοτέλης λέγει,  
διὰ μὲν τοῦ θέρους εἰσι ψιλοί, δασεῖς δὲ διὰ τοῦ  
χειμῶνος.

29. Ἐν Βουβάστῳ δὲ τῇ Αἰγυπτίᾳ λίμνη ἐστὶ,  
καὶ τρέφει σιλουῦρων πάμπολυ πλῆθος, καὶ χει-

large at that. And this sea-monkey resembles the  
land-monkey in colour, and its face is ape-like. But  
the rest of its body is protected by a sheath, not like  
a fish but resembling that of a tortoise. It is also  
somewhat flat-nosed, as the land-monkey is. But  
the rest of its body is a flat shape like the torpedo,  
so that one might say that it was a bird with out-  
spread wings; at any rate when swimming it looks  
like a bird in flight. But it differs from the land-  
monkey in this way: it is speckled, and the flat parts  
on the nape of the neck are red, and so are the gills.  
It has a large mouth at the extremity of its face, and  
in this respect also the fish bears a natural resem-  
blance to the shape of the land-monkey.

28. During the summer the Nightingale assumes  
a different colour and alters its note, for its song is  
not resonant and varied but different from its song  
in spring. The blackbird sings in summertime, but  
in winter it utters a chattering and confused sound,  
and changing its colour like a garment, from being  
black appears light brown. And the thrush in winter  
appears somewhat speckled, whereas in summer it  
displays a mottled neck. The following fish too  
change their colour, various wrasses (*ciclæ*, *cossyphi*,  
and *phycides*), and sprats. And jackals, according  
to Aristotle [*HA* 630 a 15], are hairless throughout  
the summer but in winter have thick coats.

29. At Bubastus in Egypt there is a pool and it  
fosters an immense multitude of Nile Perch, and

<sup>1</sup> τῷ χερσαίῳ.

<sup>3</sup> οὐκ ἐπ' ἄκρῳ.

<sup>2</sup> πλατεῖς a substantive is missing.

<sup>4</sup> συμφυῶς δέ.

<sup>5</sup> μεταμφιασάμενος.

ροήθεις εἰσὶν οὗτοί γε καὶ ἰχθύων πραότατοι. καὶ ἐμβάλλουσιν αὐτοῖς ἄρτων τρύφη, οἱ δὲ ἀνασκιρτῶσι καὶ πηδῶντες ἄλλος πρὸ ἄλλου τὰς ἐμβαλλομένας τροφὰς ἐκλέγουσι. γίνεται δὲ ἄρα ὁ ἰχθύς ὅδε καὶ ἐν ποταμοῖς, ὥσπερ οὖν ἐν τῷ Κύδνῳ τῷ Κιλικίῳ· βραχὺς δὲ οὗτός ἐστι τὸ μέγεθος. τὸ δὲ αἷτιον, οὐ τρέφει τοῦτον ἀφθόνως διειδὲς νῆμα καὶ καθαρὸν καὶ προσέτι καὶ ψυχρόν (τοιούτος δὲ ὁ Κύδνος ἐστὶ), τεθολωμένῳ δὲ καὶ ἱλύος μεστῷ φιληθεῖ μάλλον καὶ ἐνταῦθα πιαίνεται. Πύραμος δὲ καὶ Σάρος τρέφουσι τούτων ἀδρότερος, καὶ οὗτοι δὲ Κιλικίης εἰσιν. εἰεν δ' ἂν οἱ αὐτοὶ τρόφιμοι καὶ Ὀρόντου τοῦ Σύρων, καὶ μέντοι καὶ Πτολεμαῖος<sup>1</sup> ποταμὸς μεγίστους τρέφει, καὶ λίμνη δὲ ἡ Ἀπαμείτις.

30. Χειροήθεις δὲ ἰχθύς καὶ ὑπακούοντες τῇ κλήσει καὶ τροφὰς ἀσμένως δεχόμενοι πολλαχόθι καὶ εἰσὶ καὶ τρέφονται, ὥσπερ οὖν καὶ ἐν Ἡπείρῳ ἐν τῇ ἐστῶτι<sup>2</sup> μὲν τῇ πόλει, ἣν ἐκάλουν πάλαι Στεφανήπολιν, ἐν τῷ νεῷ τῆς Τύχης ἐν ταῖς παρ' ἐκάτερα ἀνιόντων δεξαμεναῖς, καὶ ἐν Ἐλάρῳ δὲ τῆς Σικελίας, ὅπερ ἦν πάλαι Συρακοσίων φρούριον, καὶ ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ δὲ τοῦ Λαβρανδέως Διὸς ἐν κρήνῃ<sup>3</sup> διειδούς νάματος, καὶ ἔχουσιν ὀρμίσκους

<sup>1</sup> Πτολεμαίων. <sup>2</sup> *Corrupt*, ἐν Κασσώπῃ? *H* (1858).

<sup>3</sup> *Jac*: ἐστὶ κρήνη.

<sup>a</sup> This is A.'s name for a canal, begun in the 14th cent. B.C. and intended to afford a passage for ships from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea. It linked the Nile with the Bitter Lakes, turned S, and again linked them with the Red Sea.

these are tame and the gentlest of fish. People throw in morsels of bread to them, and they leap up, each trying to jump quicker than the other, and pick out the food that is being thrown in. This fish is also found in rivers, for instance in the Cydnus in Cilicia; but there it is small. And the reason is that a stream which is clear, pure, and cold besides (for such is the Cydnus) does not afford it plentiful nourishment, for the fish prefers turbid water full of mud, and fattens on it. But the Pyramus and the Sarus breed larger kinds; these also are rivers of Cilicia. And it must be the same fish that are bred in the Syrian Orontes, but the largest of all are bred in the river Ptolemaeus<sup>a</sup> and in the lake of Apamea.<sup>b</sup>

30. Tame fishes which answer to a call and gladly accept food are to be found and are kept in many places, in Epirus for instance, at the town . . .<sup>c</sup> formerly called Stephanopolis, in the temple of Fortune in the cisterns on either side of the ascent; at Helorus too in Sicily which was once a Syracusan fortress; and at the shrine of Zeus of Labranda<sup>d</sup> in a spring of transparent water. And there fish have golden necklaces and earrings also of gold. The

Tame fish  
of various  
lands

After silting up it was cleared by order of Darius. It had to be dug again in the time of the Ptolemies, but by the 8th cent. A.D. had ceased to be navigable. See *Hdt.* 2. 158, *Diod. Sic.* 1. 33, *Strabo* 17. 1. 25.

<sup>b</sup> Apamea was an important town in the Valley of the Orontes. *Schol.* on *Opp. Cyn.* 2. 120 gives the name of the lake as Meliboea.

<sup>c</sup> Cassope, suggested by H., was a town in Epirus, a few mi. N. of the Ambracian gulf; but it is not known to have been called Stephanopolis, nor is any town of this name recorded elsewhere.

<sup>d</sup> Labranda and Mylasa, towns in Caria.



χρυσούς και ἑλλόβια, χρυσᾶ μέντοι και ταῦτα. ἀφέστηκε δὲ ὁ νεὺς τοῦ Διὸς τοῦδε τῆς Μυλασεῶν πόλεως σταδίου ἑβδομήκοντα. τὸ δὲ ἄγαλμα<sup>1</sup> ξίφος παρήρηται, και τιμᾶται καλούμενος Κάριος τε και Στράτιος· πρῶτοι γὰρ οἱ Κᾶρες ἀγορὰν πολέμου ἐπενόησαν, και ἐστρατεύσαντο ἀργυρίου, ὅχανά τε ταῖς ἀσπίσι προσήρτησαν, και λόφους ἐνέπηξαν τοῖς κράνεσιν. ἐκλήθησαν δὲ τὸ ὄνομα τοῦτο ἀπὸ Καρὸς τοῦ Κρήτης και Διὸς· Ζεὺς δὲ Λαβρανδεὺς ὕσας λάβρω και πολλῶ τὴν ἐπωνυμίαν τήνδε ἠνέγκατο.<sup>2</sup> και ἐν Χίῳ δὲ ἐν τῷ καλουμένῳ Γερόντων λιμένι τιθασῶν ἰχθύων πλήθος ἐστίν, οὗσπερ οὖν ἐς παραμυθίαν τοῦ γήρως τοῖς πρεσβυτάτοις οἱ Χίοι τρέφουσι. και ἐν τῇ γῇ δὲ τῇ τῶν ποταμῶν τοῦ τε Εὐφράτου και τοῦ Τίγρητος μέση πηγὴ ὑμνεῖται και ἐς βυθὸν<sup>3</sup> διειδῆς εἶναι και ἐκβάλλειν ὕδωρ ἰδεῖν λευκόν, και γίνεταί ποταμός τὸ ἐκπίπτον ὄνομα Ἀβόρρας.<sup>4</sup> ἐπάδουσί τε τῷ ὀνόματι οἱ ἐπιχώριοι και λόγον ἱερόν, και ἔστιν ὁ λόγος, ἥ Ἥρα μετὰ τοὺς γάμους τοῦ Διὸς ἐνταῦθα ἀπελούσατο, ὥς φασι Σύροι,<sup>5</sup> και ἐς νῦν ὁ χώρος εὐωδίαν ἀναπνέει, και πᾶς ὁ ἀῆρ κύκλῳ ταύτῃ κίρναται. και ἐνταῦθα σκιρτῶσιν ἰχθύων πρῶων ἀγέλαι.

31. Τὰ δὲ ἴδια τῶν ζώων εἰδέναι οὐδὲ θεοὶ ὑπερορῶσιν. ἀκούω γοῦν Εὐρυσθένην και Προκλέα τοὺς <Ἀριστοδήμου τοῦ><sup>6</sup> Ἀριστομάχου τοῦ

<sup>1</sup> *Jahn* : εἰς τὸ ἄγαλμα δέ.

<sup>2</sup> ἐνέγκατο ἔχειν.

<sup>3</sup> βυθὸν κάτω.

<sup>4</sup> Ἀβύρρας *Schn* : βούρρας.

shrine of this Zeus is 70 *stades*<sup>a</sup> distant from the city of Mylasa. A sword is attached to the side of the statue, and the god is worshipped under the name of 'Zeus of Caria' and 'God of War,' for the Carians were the first to think of making a trade of war and to serve as soldiers for pay, to fit arm-straps to their shields, and to fix plumes on their helmets. And they were called 'Carians' after Car the son of Creta and Zeus, and Zeus received the title of *Labrandeus* because he sent down furious (*labros*) and heavy rainstorms. And in Chios in what is called 'The Old Men's Harbour' there are multitudes of tame fish, which the inhabitants of Chios keep to solace the declining years of the very aged. And in the country that lies between the Euphrates and the Tigris there is a spring which is celebrated as being transparent to the bottom and as sending forth bright, clear water, which as it brims over becomes the river Aborras.<sup>b</sup> And the people of the country attach a sacred story to the name, which is as follows. After her marriage with Zeus Hera bathed herself there, so the Syrians say, and to this day the spot exhales a fragrance, and all the air round about is permeated with it. And there tame fishes gambol in shoals.

31. Even the gods do not disdain to take cognisance of the characteristics of animals. At any rate I learn that Eurysthenes and Procleus, the sons of

The sons of Aristodemus and the Delphic oracle

<sup>a</sup> About 7½ miles.

<sup>b</sup> The Aborras (or Chaborras, the form preferred by some) is a large river with many tributaries, and itself becomes a tributary of the Euphrates.

<sup>5</sup> οἱ Σύροι.

<sup>6</sup> Ἀριστοδήμου τοῦ *add. Sylburg.*

Κλεόδα <sup>1</sup> τοῦ Ὑλλου τοῦ Ἡρακλέους παῖδας  
βουλομένους ἄγεσθαι γυναικας ἐλθόντας ἐς Δελφοὺς  
τὸν θεὸν ἐρέσθαι τίνι ἂν κηδεύσαντες Ἑλλήνων ἢ  
βαρβάρων εἴτα μέντοι καλῶς καὶ εὐβούλως γῆμαι  
δόξαιεν, τὸν δὲ θεὸν αὐτοῖς ἀποκρίνασθαι ἐπανιέναι  
μὲν ἐς Λακεδαίμονα, ὑποστρέφειν δὲ κατὰ τὴν  
ὁδὸν ταύτην, καθ' ἣν καὶ ἀφίκοντο. ἐν ἣ δ' ἂν  
αὐτοῖς χώρα τὸ ἀγριώτατον ἀπαντήσῃ ζῶον φέρον  
τὸ πρατότατον, ἐνταυθὰ τοι ἀρμόσασθαι γάμους·  
οὕτω γὰρ αὐτοῖς ἔσεσθαι λῶον. καὶ οἱ μὲν  
ἐπείθοντο, γίνονται δὲ <sup>2</sup> κατὰ τὴν Κλεωναίων  
χώραν, ἐντυγχάνει δὲ αὐτοῖς λύκος φέρων ἄρνα ἐκ  
τινος ποιμνῆς <sup>3</sup> αὐτὸν συνηρπακώς. συνέβαλον  
οὖν ἐκεῖνοι λέγειν ταῦτα τὰ ζῶα τὸν χρησμόν, καὶ  
ἡρμόσαντο τὰς Θερσάνδρου τοῦ Κλεωνύμου θυ-  
γατέρας δοκίμου ἀνδρός. εἰ δὲ οἱ θεοὶ ἴσασι τὸ  
ἡμερώτατον ζῶον καὶ τὸ ἀγριώτατον, οὐδὲ ἡμῖν  
ἐκμελὲς τὰς φύσεις αὐτῶν εἶδέναι.

32. Ἡ Ἰνδῶν γῆ φέρει <sup>4</sup> πολλὰ καὶ ποικίλα.  
καὶ τὰ μὲν εὐδαίμονός ἐστι καὶ θαυμαστῆς μαρτύ-  
ρια φορᾶς, τὰ δὲ οὐκ ἀξιοζήλα <sup>5</sup> οὐδὲ οἶα ἐπαινέειν  
ἢ ποθεῖν ἄξια. καὶ ὑπὲρ μὲν τῶν λυσιτελῶν ἢ  
ἀβρῶν τε καὶ πολυτελῶν τὰ μὲν εἶπον, τὰ δὲ  
εἰρήσεται σὺν τοῖς θεοῖς· τὸ δὲ νῦν ἔχον ὅπως  
ὠδῖνα ὀφειν ἢ γῆ ἐπιδείκνυται <sup>6</sup> εἰπεῖν ὠρμημαι.  
πολλοὺς τίκτει καὶ διαφόρους, καὶ † τὸ λειφθὲν τοῖς  
ἀπείροις ἄπειρον.† <sup>7</sup> οὗτοι οὖν <sup>8</sup> οἱ ὄφεις καὶ

<sup>1</sup> Lobeck: Κλεάδα or Κλεόδου.

<sup>2</sup> οἱ δὲ γίνονται or γ. δη.

<sup>3</sup> Ges: ποιμένος.

<sup>4</sup> φέρει μὲν.

Aristodemus, son of Aristomachus, son of Cleodas, son of Hyllus the son of Heracles, wishing to wed, went to Delphi to ask the god with whom, whether Greek or barbarian, they should ally themselves in order to appear as having made a prosperous and wise marriage. And the god answered: Go back to Sparta, returning by the way you came, and wherever the fiercest animal carrying the gentlest meets you, there plight your troth; for that will be better for you. So they obeyed and arrived in the territory of Cleonae<sup>a</sup> where a wolf met them carrying a lamb which it had snatched from a flock. So they reckoned that the oracle meant these animals, and they took the daughters of Thersander, son of Cleonymus, a man of good repute, to wife.

Now if the gods know what animal is the gentlest and what the fiercest, it is not unfitting that we too should know their natures.

32. The land of India bears a great number and variety of creatures. And some are evidence of its beneficent and wonderful fertility, others are not to be envied nor such as one can commend or desire. Something about those that are profitable or are luxuries of great price I have already said; more shall be, please god, said hereafter. But for the present I intend to describe how the earth shows the pain with which it bears snakes. Many and various

The Snakes  
of India

<sup>a</sup> Town some 7 or 8 mi. SW of Corinth.

<sup>5</sup> ἀξιοζήλα αὐτῆς.

<sup>6</sup> ἀποδείκνυται.

<sup>7</sup> τὸ λειφθὲν . . . ἄπειρον corrupt. Perh. ἀπιστον Gow, τὸ λ. τοῖς ἀπειράκις ἄπειρον Post.

<sup>8</sup> οὖν ἄρα.

ἀνθρώπους καὶ τὰ ἄλλα ζῶα ἀδικοῦσι. τίκτει δὲ ἡ αὐτὴ γῆ καὶ πῶας τῶν δηγμάτων ἀμυντηρίους, ἔχουσί τε αὐτῶν τὴν ἐμπειρίαν τε καὶ σοφίαν οἱ ἐπιχώριοι, καὶ ποῖον φάρμακον ὄφεις τίνος ἀντίπαλόν ἐστι κατεγνώκασιν, καὶ ἀμύνουσιν ὥς ὅτι τάχιστα ἀλλήλους, ἐπιτεμέσθαι πειρώμενοι τὴν τοῦ ἰοῦ κατὰ τοῦ σώματος ἐπινομήν οἰζυτάτην τε οἶσαν καὶ ὠκίστην. καὶ ταῦτα μὲν αὐτοῖς, ἐς ἐπικουρίαν τὴν ἀναγκαίαν καὶ μάλα εὐπόρως ἀνίησιν ἢ χώρα καὶ ἀφθόνως· ὄφεις δὲ ὅς ἂν ἀποκτείνῃ ἄνθρωπον, ὥς Ἴνδοι λέγουσιν (καὶ μάρτυρας ἐπάγονται Λιβύων πολλοὺς καὶ τοὺς περὶ Θήβας οἰκοῦντας Αἰγυπτίων), οὐκέτι καταδύναι καὶ ἐσπερῦσαι ἐς τὴν ἑαυτοῦ οἰκίαν ἔχει, τῆς γῆς αὐτὸν μὴ δεχομένης, ἀλλ' ἐκβαλλούσης τῶν οἰκείων ὥς ἂν εἴποις φυγάδα κόλπων. ἀλήτης δ' ἐντεῦθεν καὶ πλάνης περιέρχεται, καὶ ταλαιπωρεῖται ὑπαίθριος καὶ διὰ τοῦ θέρους καὶ διὰ τοῦ χειμῶνος, καὶ οὔτε ἔτι σύννομος αὐτῷ πρόσεισιν, οὔτε οἱ ἐξ αὐτοῦ γεννώμενοι γνωρίζουσι <τὸν><sup>1</sup> πατέρα. τιμωρία μὲν δὴ καὶ τοῖς ἀλόγοις ἐπ' ἀνδροφονίᾳ παρὰ τῆς φύσεως τοιαύδε ἐδείχθη. [προνοία τοῦ θείου,]<sup>2</sup> κατὰ γε τὴν μνείαν τὴν ἐμήν· εἴρηται δὲ ἐς παιδευσιν τῷ συνιέντι.

33. Φυλάττειν δὲ ἄρα κύνες χηνῶν ἀχρεϊότεροι, καὶ τοῦτο κατεφώρασαν Ῥωμαῖοι. ἐπολέμουν γοῦν αὐτοῖς οἱ Κελτοί, καὶ πάνν καρτερῶς ὠσάμενοι<sup>3</sup> αὐτοὺς ἐν αὐτῇ τῇ πόλει ἦσαν, καὶ ἡρηγό γε

<sup>1</sup> <τὸν> add. H.

<sup>2</sup> [προνοία τοῦ θ.] gloss, H: cp. 9. 30 fin.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ ὠσάμενοί γε.

are the snakes it bears . . .<sup>a</sup> Now these snakes are injurious to man and all other animals. But the same land produces herbs that counteract their bites, and the natives have experience and knowledge of them, and have observed which drug is an antidote to which snake, and come to one another's aid with all possible speed in their effort to arrest the very violent and rapid spread of the poison throughout the body. And the country produces these drugs in generous abundance to help when needed. But any snake that kills a man, so the Indians say (and they cite numerous witnesses from Libya and the inhabitants of Egyptian Thebes), can no longer descend and creep into its own home: the earth declines to receive it, but casts it out like an exile from its own bosom. Thenceforward it moves around, a vagabond and wanderer, living in distress beneath the open sky throughout summer and winter; none of its mates goes near it any more, nor do those which it has begotten recognise their sire. Such is the punishment for manslaughter which Nature has shown to befall even dumb animals [it is by divine providence], as my memory tells me. This is said for the instruction of persons of understanding.

33. Dogs are less useful at keeping watch than geese, as the Romans discovered. At any rate the Celts were at war with them, and had thrust them back with overwhelming force and were in the city

The Geese  
of the  
Capitol

<sup>a</sup> Reading ἀπιστον, tentatively suggested by Gow, we might render 'and what is omitted would be incredible to the uninformed'; or following Post, 'and what is omitted is of course absolutely infinite.'

αὐτῶν ἡ Ῥώμη πλὴν τοῦ λόφου τοῦ Καπετωλίου· ἦν γὰρ αὐτοῖς οὐκ ἐπιβατὸς ἐκ τοῦ ῥάστου. τὰ μὲν οὖν δοκοῦντα δέξασθαι οἶα τε χωρία τοὺς ἐπιόντας σὺν ἐπιβουλῇ, ἐπέφρακτο <sup>1</sup> μέντοι ταῦτα. ἦν δὲ ὁ χρόνος, καθ' ὃν Μάρκος Μάλλιος ὑπατεύων τὸν λόφον τὸν προειρημένον ἐγχειρισθέντα οἱ διεφύλαττον. οὗτός τοι καὶ τὸν υἱὸν ἀριστεύσαντα μὲν ἀνέδησε στεφάνῳ, ὅτι δὲ ἐκ τῆς ἑαυτοῦ μετῆλθε τάξεως, ἀπέκτεινεν. ἐπεὶ δὲ οἱ Κελτοὶ πανταχόθεν ἄβατα ἐθεώρουν εἶναί σφισι, τῆς νυκτὸς τὸ ἄκρατον <sup>2</sup> ἔκριναν ἐλλοχῆσαντες εἰτα ἐπιθέσθαι καθεύδουσι βαθύτατα, ἔσεσθαι δὲ ἐπιβατὰ ἑαυτοῖς ἤλπισαν κατὰ τε <sup>3</sup> τὸ ἀφύλακτον καὶ ἐνθα ἡρημία <sup>4</sup> ἦν, τῶν Ῥωμαίων πεπιστευκότων μὴ ἂν ἐντεῦθεν ἐπιθέσθαι <sup>5</sup> τοὺς Γαλάτας. καὶ μέντοι καὶ ἐκ τούτων ἀκλεέστατα ἐλήφθη ἂν καὶ αὐτὸς καὶ ἡ ἄκρα τοῦ Διός, εἰ μὴ χῆνες παρόντες ἔτυχον· οἱ μὲν γὰρ κύνες πρὸς τὴν ρίφεισαν τροφὴν κατεσιώπησαν, ἴδιον δὲ ἄρα χηνῶν πρὸς τὰ ριπτούμενα ἐς ἔδωδὴν σφισι βοᾶν καὶ μὴ ἄτρεμειν. οὐκοῦν ἀνέστησάν τε τὸν Μάλλιον ἀνακλάγξαντες καὶ τὴν περικειμένην φυλακὴν. ταῦτά τοι τίνουσι δίκας οἱ κύνες παρὰ Ῥωμαίοις καὶ νῦν ἀνὰ πᾶν ἔτος προδοσίας ἀρχαίας μνήμη, τιμᾶται δὲ χῆν τεταγμέναις ἡμέραις, καὶ ἐν φορείῳ πρόεισιν εὖ μάλα πομπικῶς.

34. Καὶ ταῦτα μέντοι <sup>6</sup> ὑπὲρ ζώων εἰπεῖν οὐκ ἔστιν ἀπὸ μούσης. Σκύθαι ξύλων ἀπορία αἴτινα ἂν καταθύσωσι τοῖς αὐτῶν ὁσοῖς ἔψουσι. Φρύγες δὲ ἔαν παρ' αὐτοῖς τις ἀροτῆρα ἀποκτείνῃ βοδὴν,

<sup>1</sup> πέφρακτο.<sup>2</sup> ἀάρατον.<sup>3</sup> γε.

itself; indeed they had captured Rome, except for the hill of the Capitol, for that was not easy for them to scale. For all the spots which seemed open to assault by stratagem had been prepared for defence. It was the time at which Marcus Manlius, the consul, was guarding the aforesaid height as entrusted to him. (It was he, you remember, who garlanded his son for his gallant conduct, but put him to death for deserting his post.) But when the Celts observed that the place was inaccessible to them on every side, they decided to wait for the dead of night and then fall upon the Romans when fast asleep; and they hoped to scale the rock where it was unguarded and unprotected, since the Romans were confident that the Gauls would not attack from that quarter. And as a result Manlius himself and the Citadel of Jupiter would have been captured with the utmost ignominy, had not some geese chanced to be there. For dogs fall silent when food is thrown to them, but it is a peculiarity of geese to cackle and make a din when things are thrown to them to eat. And so with their cries they roused Manlius and the guards sleeping around him. This is the reason why up to the present day dogs at Rome annually pay the penalty of death in memory of their ancient treachery, but on stated days a goose is honoured by being borne along on a litter in great state.

34. It would not be out of place to mention these further facts touching animals. The Scythians for want of fire-wood cook with the bones of any animal that they sacrifice. Among the Phrygians any man

Various  
customs  
relating to  
animals

<sup>4</sup> Klein: ἡρημία MSS, H.<sup>5</sup> ἐπιθήσεσθαι.<sup>6</sup> μὲν.

ἡ ζημία θάνατος αὐτῷ. Σαγαραῖοι δὲ τῇ Ἀθηνᾷ  
καμήλων ἀγῶνα ὅσα ἔτη σὺν αἰδοῖ τῇ τῆς θεοῦ  
ἐπιτελοῦσι, γίνονται δὲ ἅρα παρ' αὐτοῖς αὐταὶ  
δρομικώταται τε ἅμα καὶ ὤκισται. Σαρακόροι  
δὲ οὔτε ἀχθοφόρους οὔτε ἀλοῦντας ἔχουσι τοὺς  
ὄνους ἀλλὰ πολεμιστάς, καὶ ἐπ' αὐτῶν γε τοὺς  
ἐνοπλίους κινδύνους ὑπομένουσιν, ὥσπερ οὖν οἱ  
Ἕλληνες ἐπὶ τῶν ἵππων. ὅστις δὲ ἅρα <τῶν><sup>1</sup>  
παρ' αὐτοῖς ὄνων ογκωδέστερος εἶναι δοκεῖ,  
τοῦτον τῷ Ἀρει προσάγουσιν ἱερόν. λέγει δὲ  
Κλέαρχος ὁ ἐκ τοῦ περιπάτου μόνους Πελοπον-  
νησίων Ἀργείους ὅφιν μὴ ἀποκτείνειν· ἐν δὲ ταῖς  
ἡμέραις, ἃς καλοῦσιν ἀρνηίδας οἱ αὐτοί, ἐὰν  
κύων ἐς τὴν ἀγορὰν παραβάλῃ, ἀναίρουσιν αὐτόν.  
ἐν Θετταλίᾳ δὲ ὁ μέλλων γαμεῖν θύων τὰ γαμο-  
δαΐσια<sup>2</sup> ἵππον ἐσάγει πολεμιστὴν τὸν χαλινὸν  
περικείμενον καὶ τὴν ἐνόπλιον σκευὴν καὶ ἐκεῖνῃ  
πᾶσαν· εἴτα ὅταν ἀπὸ τῆς ἱερουργίας γένηται καὶ  
σπέισῃ, τῇ νύμφῃ τὸν ἵππον ἀπὸ τοῦ ρυτῆρος  
ἀγαγὼν παραδίδωσι. τί δὲ νοεῖ τοῦτο Θετταλοὶ  
λεγέτωσαν. Τενέδιοι δὲ τῷ<sup>3</sup> ἀνθρωπορραίστῃ<sup>4</sup>  
Διονύσῳ τρέφουσι κύουσιν βοῦν, τεκοῦσαν δὲ ἅρα  
αὐτὴν οἷα δῆπου λεχὼν θεραπεύουσι. τὸ δὲ  
ἀρτιγενὲς βρέφος καταθύουσιν ὑποδήσαντες κοθόρ-  
νους. ὃ γε μὴν πατάξας αὐτὸ τῷ πελέκει λίθους  
βάλλεται δημοσίᾳ,<sup>5</sup> καὶ ἔσπε ἐπὶ τὴν θάλατταν

<sup>1</sup> <τῶν> add. H.<sup>2</sup> τῷ πάλαι.<sup>3</sup> Ges: γαμοδέσια.<sup>4</sup> Unger: ἄν ἀρίστην.<sup>5</sup> τῇ δαίᾳ.

who kills a ploughing ox is punished with death. The Sagaraeans<sup>a</sup> every year hold camel races in honour of the goddess Athena, and their camels are good at racing and very swift. The Saracori keep asses, not to carry burdens nor to grind corn but to ride in war, and mounted on them they brave the dangers of battle, just as the Greeks do on horseback. And any ass of theirs that appears to be more given to braying than others they offer as a sacrifice to the God of War. Clearchus, the Peripatetic philosopher, states that the inhabitants of Argos are the only people in the Peloponnese who refuse to kill a snake. And these same people, if a dog comes near the market-place on the days which they call *Arneid*, kill it. In Thessaly a man about to marry, when offering the wedding sacrifice, brings in a war-horse bitted and even fully equipped with all its gear; then when he has completed the sacrifice and poured the libation, he leads the horse by the rein and hands it to his bride. The significance of this the Thessalians must explain. The people of Tenedos keep a cow that is in calf for Dionysus the Man-slayer, and as soon as it has calved they tend it as though it were a woman in child-bed. But they put buskins on the newly born calf and then sacrifice it. But the man who dealt it the blow with the axe is pelted with stones by the populace and flees until he reaches

<sup>a</sup> If these are to be identified with Strabo's *Sacarauli* (Ptolemy's *Sacaraucae*) they were a tribe living on the E side of the Caspian. If the word means 'dweller by the River Sagaris' they were a Sarmatian tribe between the Caspian and the sea of Azov. Herodotus (I. 125; 7. 85) mentions *Sagartians* among the nomads of Persia.—The Saracori seem to be otherwise unknown.

φεύγει. Ἐρετρίεις δὲ τῇ ἐν Ἀμαρύνθῳ<sup>1</sup> Ἀρτέμιδι  
κολοβὰ θύουσιν.

35. Πέπυσμαι δὲ πρὸς τοῖς ἤδη μοι προ-  
ειρημένοις κύνας γενέσθαι φιλοδεσπότους Ξαν-  
θίππου τοῦ Ἀρίφρονος.<sup>2</sup> μετοικιζομένων γὰρ τῶν  
Ἀθηναίων ἐς τὰς ναῦς, ἡνίκα τοῦ χρόνου ὁ Πέρσης  
τὸν μέγαν πόλεμον ἐπὶ τὴν Ἑλλάδα ἐξῆψε, καὶ  
ἔλεγον οἱ χρησμοὶ λῶον εἶναι τοῖς Ἀθηναίοις τὴν  
μὲν πατρίδα ἀπολιπεῖν, ἐπιβῆναι δὲ τῶν τριήρων,  
οὐδὲ οἱ κύνες τοῦ προειρημένου ἀπελείφθησαν,  
ἀλλὰ συμμετώκισαντο<sup>3</sup> τῷ Ξανθίππῳ, καὶ διανηξά-  
μενοι ἐς τὴν Σαλαμίνα ἀπέσβησαν.<sup>4</sup> λέγεται δὲ  
ἄρα ταῦτα Ἀριστοτέλης καὶ Φιλόχορος.

36. Τὸ ὕδωρ ὁ Κράθις λευκῆς χροᾶς ποιητικὸν  
μέθεισι.<sup>5</sup> τὰ γοῦν πρόβατα πίνοντα αὐτοῦ καὶ οἱ  
βόες καὶ πᾶσα ἡ τετράπους ἀγέλη, καθά φησι  
Θεόφραστος, λευκὰ ἐκ μελάνων γίνεται<sup>6</sup> ἢ πυρρῶν.  
καὶ ἐν Εὐβοίᾳ δὲ οἱ βόες λευκοὶ τίκτονται σχεδὸν  
πάντες, ἐνθεν τοὶ καὶ ἀργιβόειον<sup>7</sup> ἐκάλουν οἱ  
ποιηταὶ τὴν Εὐβοίαν.

37. Οἰνοχόου βασιλικοῦ (καὶ ἦν ὁ βασιλεὺς  
Νικομήδης ὁ Βιθυνῶν) ἀλεκτρυνὼν ἡράσθη Κένταυ-

<sup>1</sup> Gron: ἐν μυρύνθῳ.

<sup>3</sup> Valck: συμμετώκισαν.

<sup>5</sup> μεθίσθαι ποταμὸς ὢν.

<sup>2</sup> Schn: Ἀρίφρου.

<sup>4</sup> Jac: ἀπέβησαν.

<sup>6</sup> ἐγίνετο.

<sup>7</sup> ἀργιβόειον Lobeck, H.

<sup>a</sup> Village on the W coast of Euboea, between 2 and 3 mi.  
from Eretria.

the sea. The people of Eretria sacrifice maimed  
animals to Artemis at Amarynthus.<sup>a</sup>

35. I have learnt in addition to what I have already <sup>The Dogs of Xanthippus</sup>  
said that the dogs of Xanthippus,<sup>b</sup> son of Ariphron,  
were devoted to their master, for when the people  
of Athens were emigrating on to their ships at the  
time when the Persians lit the flames of their great  
war against Greece, and the oracles declared that  
it was better for the Athenians to abandon their  
country and to embark upon their triremes, not even  
the dogs of Xanthippus were left behind, but  
emigrated along with him, and after swimming across  
to Salamis died. The story is narrated by Aristotle<sup>c</sup>  
and Philochorus.

36. The river Crathis<sup>d</sup> has water that turns <sup>The River Crathis</sup>  
things white. At all events sheep and cattle and  
every four-footed herd that drink of it, according to  
the account given by Theophrastus,<sup>e</sup> from being  
black or red turn white. And in Euboea almost all  
oxen are born white, hence poets used to call Euboea  
'white-kined.'<sup>f</sup>

37. A cockerel of the name of Centaurus fell in <sup>Birds in love with human beings</sup>  
love with the cup-bearer of a king (the king was

<sup>b</sup> Father of Pericles, commanded the Athenian fleet in the  
Persian war.

<sup>c</sup> The story does not appear in any extant writing of  
Aristotle; fr. 354 (Rose, p. 420). Plutarch (*Them.* 10) says  
there was but one dog, and it died, exhausted by its long  
swim.

<sup>d</sup> In Bruttian territory.

<sup>e</sup> Not in any extant work.

<sup>f</sup> But the word ἀργιβόειος is known only from this passage.

ρος ὄνομα, καὶ λέγει Φίλων τοῦτο. ἡράσθη δὲ ἄρα καὶ κολοῖδς ὠραίου παιδός. καὶ μελίττας δὲ τινὰς ἐρωτικὰς εἶναι πέπυσμαι, εἰ καὶ αἱ πλείους σωφρονοῦσιν.

38. Τὴν Σφίγγα ὑπόπτερον γράφουσί τε καὶ πλάττουσι πᾶν ὅσον περὶ χειρουργίαν σπουδαῖον καὶ πεπονημένον. ἀκούω δὲ καὶ ἐν Κλαζομεναῖς σὺν γενέσθαι πτηνόν, ἥπερ οὖν ἐλυμαίνετο τὴν χώραν τὴν Κλαζομενίαν· καὶ λέγει τοῦτο Ἀρτέμων ἐν τοῖς Ὡροις<sup>1</sup> τοῖς Κλαζομενίων. ἐνθὲν τοι καὶ χῶρος ἐκεῖ κέκληται ὑὸς πτερωτῆς ὀνομαζόμενός τε καὶ ἀδόκιμος. τοῦτο δὲ εἰ τῷ δοκεῖ μῦθος εἶναι, δοκείτω, ἐμὲ δ' οὖν περὶ ζῶον λεχθέν καὶ μὴ λαθὼν οὐκ ἐλύπησεν εἰρημένον.

39. Ἀλία τῇ Συβάρεως παριούσῃ<sup>2</sup> ἐς ἄλσος Ἀρτέμιδος (ἣν δὲ ἐν Φρυγίᾳ τὸ ἄλσος) δράκων ἐπεφάνη θεῖος, μέγιστος τὴν ὄψιν, καὶ ὠμίλησεν αὐτῇ. καὶ ἐντεῦθεν οἱ καλούμενοι Ὀφιογενεῖς τῆς σποράς τῆς πρώτης ὑπήρξαν.

40. Τιμῶσι δὲ ἄρα Δελφοὶ μὲν λύκον, Σάμιοι δὲ πρόβατον, Ἀμπρακιῶται γε μὴν τὸ ζῶον τὴν λείαν· τὰ δὲ αἷτια τῆς ἐκάστου τιμῆς εἰπεῖν οὐκ ἔστιν ἔξω τῆσδε τῆς σπουδῆς. Δελφοῖς μὲν χρυσίον ἱερὸν σεσυλημένον καὶ ἐν τῷ Παρνασσῷ<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Cobet: "Opis MSS, H.

<sup>2</sup> Ges: περιούσης.

<sup>3</sup> Παρνασσῷ.

<sup>a</sup> Nicomedes was the name of three Bithynian kings. Athenaeus (13. 606a) gives the name of the cup-bearer as Secundus.

Nicomedes<sup>a</sup> of Bithynia); Philo tells the story. And a jackdaw also fell in love with a handsome boy. I learn also that some bees are amorous, although the majority are more restrained.

38. Every painter and every sculptor who devotes himself and has been trained to the practice of his art figures the Sphinx as winged. And I have heard that on Clazomenae<sup>b</sup> there was a sow with wings, and it ravaged the territory of Clazomenae. And Artemon records this in his *Annals of Clazomenae*. That is why there is a spot named and celebrated as 'The Place of the Winged Sow,'<sup>c</sup> and it is famous. But if anyone regards this as a myth, let him do so; for my part I am not sorry to have mentioned what has been related and what has not escaped my notice touching an animal.

39. Halia, the daughter of Sybaris, was entering a grove of Artemis (the grove was in Phrygia) when a divine serpent appeared to her—it was of immense size—and lay with her. And from this union sprang the *Ophiogeneis* (snake-born) of the first generation.

40. At Delphi they pay honour to a wolf, in Samos to a sheep, in Ambracia to a lioness; and it is not irrelevant to our present study to set out the reasons for this honour in each case. At Delphi it was a wolf that tracked down some sacred gold that

<sup>b</sup> Island some 20 mi. W from Smyrna.

<sup>c</sup> The fore-part of a winged boar is represented on some of the coins of Clazomenae, see *Brit. Mus. Cat. of Coins; Ionia*, pl. iii. 18, pl. vii. 2.

κατορυνγμένον ἀνίχνευσε λύκος,<sup>1</sup> Σαμίους δὲ καὶ αὐτοῖς τοιοῦτο χρυσίον κλαπέν πρόβατον ἀνεῦρε, καὶ ἐντεῦθεν Μανδρόβουλος ὁ Σάμιος τῇ Ἥρᾳ πρόβατον ἀνάθημα ἀνήψε· καὶ τὸ μὲν Πόλεμων λέγει τὸ πρότερον, τὸ δὲ Ἀριστοτέλης τὸ δεύτερον. Ἀμπρακιῶται δέ, ἐπεὶ τὸν τύραννον αὐτῶν Φαῦλον διεσπάσατο λέαινα, τιμῶσι τὸ ζῶον αἷτιον αὐτοῖς ἐλευθερίας γεγεννημένον. Μιλτιάδης δὲ τὰς ἵππους τὰς τρεῖς Ὀλύμπια ἀνελομένας ἔθαψεν ἐν Κεραμεικῷ, καὶ Εὐαγόρας δὲ ὁ Λάκων καὶ ἐκεῖνος Ὀλυμπιονίκας ἵππους ἔθαψε μεγαλοπρεπῶς.

41. Ὁ Γάγγης ὁ παρὰ τοῖς Ἰνδοῖς ῥέων ὑπαρχόμενος μὲν ἐκ τῶν πηγῶν βαθύς ἐστιν ἐς ὀργυϊὰς εἴκοσι, πλατὺς δὲ ἐς ὀγδοήκοντα σταδίου· ἔτι γὰρ αὐθιγενεῖ τῷ ὕδατι πρόεισι καὶ ἀμιγεῖ πρὸς ἕτερον· προῖων δὲ τῶν ἄλλων ἐς αὐτὸν ἐμπίπτόντων καὶ ἀνακινουμένων οἱ τὸ ὕδωρ ἐς βάθος μὲν ἤκει καὶ ἐξήκοντα ὀργυιῶν, πλατύνεται δὲ καὶ ὑπερεκχεῖται ἐς σταδίους τετρακοσίους. καὶ ἔχει νήσους Λέσβου τε καὶ Κύρνου μείζονας, καὶ τρέφει κήτη, καὶ ἐκ τῆς τούτων πιμελῆς ἄλειφα ἐργάζονται. εἰσὶ δὲ ἐν αὐτῷ καὶ χελῶναι, καὶ αὐταῖς τὸ χελώνιον πιθάκνης καὶ εἴκοσιν ἀμφορέας δεχομένης οὐ μείον ἐστι. κροκοδῖλων δὲ παιδεύει διπλᾶ γένη. καὶ τὰ μὲν αὐτῶν ἥκιστα βλάπτει, τὰ δὲ παμβορώτατα

<sup>1</sup> ὁ λύκος.

<sup>a</sup> A mythical character whose name passed into a proverb. He was said to have dedicated to Hera a golden ram one year, a silver the next, a bronze the third, thereafter nothing.

had been pillaged and buried on Parnassus. So too for the Samians it was a sheep that discovered some stolen gold; for that reason Mandrobulus of Samos <sup>a</sup> dedicated a sheep to Hera. The first story is recorded by Polemon, the second by Aristotle.<sup>b</sup> And the people of Ambracia since the day when a lioness tore their tyrant Phaylus <sup>c</sup> to pieces, do honour to this animal as the instrument of their liberation. And Miltiades buried in Cerameicus the mares which had won three Olympic victories; Evagoras the Spartan also gave his horses which had won at Olympia a magnificent funeral.

41. At its rising from wells the Ganges, the river of India, is 20 fathoms deep and 80 *stades* <sup>d</sup> wide, for it is still flowing with its own native waters unmixed with any other. But as it flows on and other rivers fall into it and join their water with it, it reaches a depth of 60 fathoms, and widens and overflows to an extent of four hundred *stades* <sup>e</sup>. And it contains islands larger than Lesbos and Cynus, <sup>f</sup> and breeds monstrous fishes, and from their fat men manufacture oil. There are also in the river turtles whose shell is as large as a jar holding as much as 20 *amphorae*.<sup>g</sup> And it fosters two kinds of crocodiles. Some of them are perfectly harmless, but others eat

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Hence the saying ἐπὶ τὰ Μανδρόβουλου χωρεῖ τὸ πρᾶγμα, 'things get steadily worse.' See Leutsch, *Paroem. Gr.* 2. 114.

<sup>b</sup> Not in any extant work; *fr.* 525 (Rose, p. 520).

<sup>c</sup> Antoninus Liberalis (4) gives the name as Phalaecus; his date is unknown.

<sup>d</sup> Nearly 9 miles.

<sup>e</sup> Just over 44 miles.

<sup>f</sup> The Greek name for Corsica.

<sup>g</sup> The *ἀμφορεὺς* contained nearly 9 gallons. This turtle may be the *Trionyx gangeticus*.



σαρκῶν ἐσθίει καὶ ἀφειδέστατα, καὶ ἔχουσιν ἐπ' ἄκρου τοῦ ῥύγχους ἐξοχὴν ὡς κέρασ. τούτοις τοὶ καὶ πρὸς τὰς τῶν κακούργων τιμωρίας ὑπέρηται χρώνται· τοὺς γὰρ ἐπὶ τοῖς μεγίστοις τῶν ἀδικημάτων ἐαλωκότας ῥίπτουσιν αὐτοῖς, καὶ δημίου δέονται ἡκιστα.

42. Δέλεαρ δὲ καθιᾶσιν οἱ σοφοὶ τὰ θαλάττια τοῖς μὲν σκάροις, ὡς Λεωνίδης φησί, κορίαννα καὶ καρτά, καὶ ἔστιν εὖθηρα ταῦτα καὶ ἐλεῖν ῥᾶστα· προσνεῖ γὰρ αὐτοῖς ὁ σκάρος γοητευόμενος ὥσπερ ἡδύσμασι. φύλλα δὲ τευτλίων αἰρεῖ τὰς τρίγλας· χαίρει γὰρ τῷδε τῷ λαχάνῳ τὸ ζῶον, καὶ δι' αὐτοῦ ἀλίσκεται τε καὶ δουλοῦται ῥᾶστα.<sup>1</sup>

43. Ἐνύδρου δὲ θήρας διαφοραὶ τέτταρες, φασί, δικτυεῖα<sup>2</sup> <καὶ><sup>3</sup> κόντωσις καὶ κυρτεία καὶ ἀγκιστρεῖα προσέτι. καὶ ἡ μὲν δικτυεῖα πλουτοφόρος, καὶ ἔουκεν ἀλίσκομένῳ στρατοπέδῳ καὶ αἰρουμένοις αἰχμαλώτοις τισί, καὶ δέεται χορηγίας ποικίλης, οἷον σπάρτου καὶ λίνου λευκοῦ καὶ μέλανος ἄλλου καὶ κυπεύρου καὶ φελλῶν μολίβου τε καὶ πίτνος καὶ ἱμάντων καὶ ῥοῦ καὶ λίθου καὶ βύβλου καὶ κεράτων καὶ νεῶς ἐξήρους ἄξονός τε καὶ σκυταλίδων καὶ κοττάνης καὶ τυμπάνου καὶ σιδήρου καὶ ξύλων καὶ πίττης. ἐμπίπτει δὲ γένῃ τε ἰχθύων διάφορα καὶ ἀγέλαι ποικίλαι τε καὶ πολλαί. ἡ δὲ κόντωσις<sup>4</sup> ἐστὶ μὲν τῶν ἄλλων

<sup>1</sup> Ges: ἕκαστα.

<sup>3</sup> <καὶ> add. H.

<sup>2</sup> Schn: δικτυία.

<sup>4</sup> Schn: διακόντωσις.

<sup>a</sup> The *Gavialis gangeticus* is said to be harmless and to have a 'horn' at the end of its snout; the other, flesh-eating kind

flesh with the utmost voracity and ruthlessness, and on the end of their snout they have an excrescence like a horn.<sup>a</sup> These the people employ as agents for punishing criminals, for those who are detected in the most flagrant acts are thrown to the crocodiles, and there is no need of a public executioner.

42. Those who are skilled in sea-fishing let down as bait for Parrot Wrasse coriander and chopped leeks, so says Leonidas; and these herbs are successful as bait and afford an easy capture. For the Parrot Wrasse, as though bewitched by spices, swims up to them. And the leaves of beet capture the Red Mullet, for the fish delights in this vegetable, and with its aid the fish is caught and enslaved with the utmost ease.

43. There are, they say, four different methods of fishing, viz with nets, with a pole, with a weel, and with a hook. Netting fish brings wealth, and may be compared to the capture of a camp and the taking of prisoners; it requires a variety of gear, for instance rope, fishing-line white and black, cord made from galingale, corks, lead, pine timber, thongs, sumach, a stone, papyrus, horns, a six-oared ship, a windlass with handles, a *cottane*,<sup>b</sup> a drum, iron, timber, and pitch. And there fall into the nets fish of different kinds, varied droves in their multitude.

Fishing with a pole is the most manly form and

is the *Crocodylus palustris*. Gossen would therefore transpose καὶ ἔχουσιν . . . ὡς κέρασ after ἡκιστα βλάπτει. See RE 11. 1947, Gadow, *Amphibia and Reptiles*, 452 (Camb. Nat. Hist. 8).  
<sup>b</sup> κοττάνη is so far unexplained; it may be conjectured to have been some piece of machinery.

ἀνδρειοτάτη, καὶ δέεται θηρατοῦ ῥωμαλεωτάτου. παρῆναι δὲ χρή κάμακα ὀρθὴν ἐλατίνην<sup>1</sup> καὶ σχοινία σπάρτινα πυρεῖά τε πεύκης τῆς λιπαρωτάτης· <δεῖται δέ><sup>2</sup> καὶ νεὼς μικρὰς <καί><sup>3</sup> ἑρετῶν συντόνων καὶ βραχίονας ἀγαθῶν. ἡ δὲ κυρτεία δολερωτάτη θήρα καὶ ἐπιβουλοτάτη δεινὴς ἔστι, καὶ ἐλευθέρους πρέπει<sup>4</sup> δοκεῖ ἥκιστα. δέεται δὲ ὀλοσχοίωνων τε ἄβροχων καὶ λύγου καὶ χερμάδος καὶ εὐναίων<sup>5</sup> καὶ φύκους θαλαττίου σχοίωνων τε καὶ κυπαρίττου κόμης καὶ φελλῶν καὶ ξύλων καὶ δελέατος καὶ νεὼς μικρὰς. ἡ δὲ ἀγκιστρεία σοφωτάτη ἔστι καὶ τοῖς ἐλευθέρους πρεπωδεστάτη.<sup>6</sup> δέεται δὲ ἄρα<sup>7</sup> ἵππειων τριχῶν, τὰς χροῖας καὶ λευκὰς<sup>8</sup> καὶ μελαίνας καὶ πυρρὰς καὶ μεσαιπολίους· τῶν δὲ βαπτομένων ἐγκρίνουσι τὰς γλαυκὰς καὶ<sup>9</sup> τὰς ἀλιπορφύρους· αἱ γὰρ ἄλλαι πᾶσαι πονηραί, φασίν. χρῶνται δὲ καὶ τῶν ἀγρίων συνὼν ταῖς θριξὶ ταῖς ὀρθαῖς καὶ τερμίνθῳ<sup>10</sup> δέ, καὶ χαλκῷ πλείστῳ καὶ μολίβῳ καὶ σπάρτιναις καὶ πτεροῖς, μάλιστα μὲν λευκοῖς καὶ μέλασι<sup>11</sup> καὶ ποικίλοις. χρῶνται γὰρ μὴν οἱ ἀλιεῖς καὶ φοινικοῖς ἐρίοις καὶ ἀλουργέσι καὶ φελλοῖς καὶ ξύλοις· καὶ σιδήρου καὶ ἄλλων δέονται, ἐν δὲ τοῖς καὶ καλάμῳ εὐφύῳν καὶ ἄβροχων καὶ ὀλοσχοίωνων βεβρεγμένων καὶ νάρθηκος ἐξεσμένου καὶ ῥάβδου κρανείας καὶ χιμαίρας κεράτων καὶ

<sup>1</sup> ἔλαιον.<sup>2</sup> <δεῖται δέ> add. Schn.<sup>3</sup> <καί> add. Jac.<sup>4</sup> Ges: πρέπει.<sup>5</sup> εὐναίων καὶ λίθων.<sup>6</sup> Ges: σοφωτάτων . . . πρεπωδεστάτων.<sup>7</sup> δὲ ἄρα] γάρ.<sup>8</sup> τριχῶν. <ὄν> τ. χ. <ἐναι χρῆ> λευκὰς Bernhardt.<sup>9</sup> γλαυκὰς καί] λευκὰς ἢ.<sup>10</sup> Schn: τερμίνθῳ.<sup>11</sup> ἢ μέλασι.

needs a hunter of very great strength. He must have a straight pole of pine-wood, ropes of esparto, and firesticks of thoroughly sappy pine. He also needs a small boat and vigorous oarsmen with strong arms.

Fishing with a weel is a pursuit that calls for much craft and deep design, and seems highly unbecoming to free men. The essentials are club-rushes unsoaked, withies, a large stone, anchors, sea-weed, leaves of rushes and cypress, corks, pieces of wood, a bait, and a small skiff. <sup>(c) with a weel</sup>

Fishing with a hook is the most accomplished form and the most suitable for free men. One needs horse-hair,<sup>a</sup> white, black, red, and grey in colour. If the hairs are dyed, men select only those coloured blue-grey and sea-purple; for all the rest, they say, are bad. Men also use the straight bristles of wild boars and flax<sup>b</sup> also, and a quantity of bronze and lead, cords of esparto, feathers,<sup>c</sup> especially white, black, and particoloured. And anglers also use crimson and sea-purple wool, corks, and pieces of wood. Iron and other materials are needed; among them reeds of straight growth and unsoaked, club-rushes that have been soaked, stalks of fennel rubbed smooth, a fishing-rod of cornel-wood, the horns and hide of a goat.<sup>d</sup> Some fish are caught by one device, others by another, and the <sup>(d) with a rod and line</sup>

<sup>a</sup> For fishing-line; see 15. 10.<sup>b</sup> τέρμινθος: 'a flax-like plant from which the Athenians made fishing lines' (L-S<sup>9</sup>).<sup>c</sup> The purpose of feathers and wool is not explicitly stated until we reach 15. 1, where fishing with an artificial fly is first mentioned. See also 15. 10.<sup>d</sup> Used in fishing for Sargues, 1. 23.

δέρματος. ἄλλος δὲ ἄλλω τούτων ἰχθὺς αἰρεῖται, καὶ τὰς γε θήρας ἤδη εἶπον αὐτῶν.

44. Λόγω δὲ ἄρα τῷδε Ἰνδὸς καὶ Λίβυς τὸ γένος διαφέρω· ἐρεῖ δὲ ὁ μὲν Ἰνδὸς τὰ ἐπιχώρια, ὁ δὲ Λίβυς ὅσα οἶδε καὶ ἐκεῖνος· ἃ δ' οὖν ἄδետον ἄμφω τῷ λόγῳ ἐστὶν ἐκεῖνα. ἐν Ἰνδοῖς ἐὰν ἀλῶ τέλειος ἐλέφας, ἡμερωθῆναι χαλεπὸς ἐστὶ, καὶ τὴν ἐλευθερίαν ποθῶν φονᾷ· ἐὰν δὲ αὐτὸν καὶ δεσμοῖς διαλάβῃς, ἔτι καὶ μᾶλλον ἐς<sup>1</sup> θυμὸν ἐξάπτεται, καὶ δοῦλος εἶναι καὶ δεσμώτης<sup>2</sup> οὐχ ὑπομένει. ἀλλ' οἱ Ἰνδοὶ καὶ ταῖς τροφαῖς κολακεύουσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ποικίλοις καὶ ἐφολκοῖς δελέασι πρᾶννευ πειρῶνται, παρατιθέντες ὅσα πληροῖ τὴν γαστέρα καὶ θέλγει<sup>3</sup> τὸν θυμὸν. ὁ δὲ ἄχθεται αὐτοῖς καὶ ὑπερορᾷ. τί οὖν ἐκεῖνοι κατασοφίζονται<sup>4</sup>; μούσαν αὐτοῖς προσάγουσιν ἐπιχώριον, καὶ κατὰδουσιν αὐτοὺς ὀργάνῳ τινὶ καὶ τούτῳ συνήθει· καλεῖται δὲ σκινδαψὸς τὸ ὄργανον. ὁ δὲ ὑπέχει τὰ ὦτα καὶ θέλγεται, καὶ ἡ μὲν ὀργή πρᾶννεται, ὁ δὲ θυμὸς ὑποστέλλεται τε καὶ στορνύται, κατὰ μικρὰ δὲ καὶ ἐς τὴν τροφήν ὁρᾷ. εἴτα ἀφείται μὲν τῶν δεσμῶν, μένει δὲ τῇ μούσῃ δεδεμένος, καὶ δειπνεῖ προθύμως, ἄβρὸς δαιτυμῶν<sup>5</sup>. πόθῳ γὰρ τοῦ μέλους οὐκ ἂν ἔτι ἀποσταίῃ. Λιβύων δὲ ἵπποι (δεῖ γὰρ ἀκοῦσαι καὶ τὸν λόγον τὸν ἕτερον), ἐς τοσοῦτον αὐτὰς αἰρεῖ ἡ αὐλῆσις. πρᾶννονταί τε καὶ ἡμεροῦνται, καὶ ὑπολήγουσι μὲν τοῦ ὑβρίζειν τε καὶ σκιρτᾶν, ἐπονται δὲ τῷ νομῇ ὅποι<sup>6</sup> ἂν αὐτὰς τὸ μέλος

<sup>1</sup> ἐς τόν.

<sup>3</sup> ὡς πληροῦν . . . θέλγειν.

<sup>5</sup> δαιτυμῶν καταδεδεμένος.

<sup>2</sup> δεσπότης.

<sup>4</sup> κατασοφίζονται καὶ δρᾶσι.

<sup>6</sup> ὅπου.

various methods of catching them I have already described.

44. These two accounts from India and Libya Music and the Elephant show a difference. The Indian shall relate the practice in his country, and the Libyan shall relate what he knows. So their two accounts are as follows.

In India if a full-grown Elephant is captured he is hard to tame and his craving for freedom makes him thirst for blood, and if you make him fast with ropes his anger is inflamed all the more and he will not stand being a slave and a prisoner. But the Indians blandish him with food and try to mollify him with a variety of attractive baits, offering him what will fill his stomach and assuage his passion. Yet he is displeased with them and takes no notice of them. So what device do the Indians adopt to meet this? They introduce native music and charm the Elephants with a musical instrument that is in common use; it is called *scindapsus*.<sup>a</sup> And the Elephant lends an ear and is pacified; his rage is softened, and his passion is subdued and allayed, and little by little he begins to notice his food. Then he is freed from his bonds but remains captivated by the music, and eats his food with the eagerness of a man faring sumptuously: for in his love for the music he will no longer run away.

But the mares of Libya (for we must listen to the and the Libyan Mare second account as well) are equally captivated by the sound of the pipe. They become gentle and tame and cease to prance and be skittish, and follow the herdsman wherever the music leads them; and

<sup>a</sup> A four-stringed musical instrument.

ἀπάγη, ἐπιστάντος δὲ καὶ ἐκεῖναι ἐφίστανται· ἐὰν δὲ ἐπανατείνῃ<sup>1</sup> τὸ αὐλήμα, λείβεται δάκρυα ὑφ' ἡδονῆς αὐταῖς. οἱ μὲν οὖν βουκόλοι τῶν ἵππων ῥοδοδάφνης κλάδον κοιλάναντες καὶ αὐλὸν ἐργασάμενοι καὶ ἐς αὐτὸν ἐμπνέοντες εἶτα οὕτω <τῶν><sup>2</sup> προειρημένων καταυλοῦσι. λέγει δὲ Εὐριπίδης καὶ ποιμνίτας τινὰς ὑμεναίους· ἔστι δὲ ἄρα τοῦτο αὐλήμα, ὅπερ οὖν τὰς μὲν ἵππους τὰς θηλείας ἐς ἔρωτα ἐμβάλλει καὶ οἷστρον ἄφροδίσιον, τοὺς δὲ ἄρρενας μίγνυσθαι αὐταῖς ἐκμαίνει. τελοῦνται μὲν <δὴ><sup>3</sup> ἵππικοὶ γάμοι τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον, καὶ εἰκοιεν ὑμέναιον ἄδειν τὸ αὐλήμα.

45. Τὸ τῶν δελφίνων φύλον ὥς εἰσι φιλωδοί τε καὶ φίλαυλοι, τεκμηριῶσαι ἱκανὸς καὶ Ἀρίων ὁ Μηθυμναῖος ἐκ τε τοῦ ἀγάλματος τοῦ ἐπὶ Ταυνάρῳ καὶ τοῦ ἐπ' αὐτῷ γραφέντος ἐπιγράμματος. ἔστι δὲ τὸ ἐπίγραμμα

ἀθανάτων πομπαῖσιν Ἀρίονα Κυκλέος<sup>5</sup> υἱὸν  
ἐκ Σικελοῦ πελάγους σῶσεν ὄχημα τόδε.

ὕμνον δὲ χαριστήριον τῷ Ποσειδῶνι, μάρτυρα τῆς τῶν δελφίνων φιλομουσίας, οἶονεὶ καὶ τούτοις ζωάγρια ἐκτίνων ὁ Ἀρίων ἔγραψε. καὶ ἔστιν ὁ ὕμνος οὗτος·

Ὕψιστε θεῶν,  
πόντιε, χρυσοτρίαινε Πόσειδον,  
γαῖαοχ' ἑγκύμον' <ἄν' > ἄλμαν·<sup>7</sup>  
βράγχιοι<sup>8</sup> περὶ δὲ σὲ πλωτοὶ  
θῆρες χορεύουσι κύκλῳ,  
κούφοισι ποδῶν ῥίμμασιν

if he stands still, so do they. But if he plays his pipe with greater vigour, tears of pleasure stream from their eyes. Now the herdsmen of the mares hollow a stick of rose-laurel, fashion it into a pipe, and blow into it, and thereby charm the aforesaid animals. And Euripides speaks of some 'marriage songs of shepherds' [*Alc.* 577]; this is the pipe-music which throws mares into an amorous frenzy and makes horses mad with desire to couple. This in fact is how the mating of horses is brought about, and the pipe-music seems to provide a marriage song.

45. Sufficient proof that Dolphins love song and the music of pipes is supplied by Arion of Methymna in his statue on Taenarum and the inscription written upon it. The inscription runs

'Sent by the immortals this mount saved  
Arion son of Cycleus from the Sicilian main.'

And Arion wrote a hymn of thanks to Poseidon that bears witness to the Dolphins' love of music and is a kind of payment of the reward due to them also for having saved his life.

This is the hymn.

'Highest of the gods, lord of the sea, Poseidon of the golden trident, earth-shaker in the swelling brine, around thee the finny monsters in a ring

<sup>1</sup> Jac : παρατείνῃ.

<sup>3</sup> <δὴ> add. H.

<sup>5</sup> Salmassius : Κύκλονος.

<sup>7</sup> Hermann : ἐγκυμονάλμαν.

<sup>2</sup> <τῶν> add. Jac.

<sup>4</sup> ὑπ'.

<sup>6</sup> Bergk : γαῖαοχ' MSS, H.

<sup>8</sup> βραγχίους Hermann, H.

ἐλάφρ' ἀναπαλλόμενοι, σιμοὶ  
 φριξάυχες ὠκυδρόμοι  
 σκύλακες, φιλόμουσοι  
 δελφίνες, ἔναλα θρέμματα  
 κουρᾶν Νηρείδων θεᾶν,  
 ὥς ἐγείνατ' Ἀμφιτρίτα·  
 οἳ μ' εἰς Πέλοπος γᾶν ἐπὶ Ταυναρίαν ἀκτὰν  
 ἐπορεύσαν <sup>1</sup> πλαζόμενον Σικελῶ ἐνὶ πόντῳ,  
 κυρτοῖσι νώτοις ὀχέοντες,<sup>2</sup>  
 ἄλοκα Νηρείας πλακὸς  
 τέμνοντες, ἀστιβῆ πόρον, φῶτες δόλιοι  
 ὥς μ' ἀφ' <sup>3</sup> ἀλιπλόου γλαφυρᾶς νεῶς  
 εἰς οἶδμ' ἀλιπόρφυρον λίμνας ἔριψαν.<sup>4</sup>

ἴδιον μὲν δήπου δελφίνων πρὸς τοῖς ἄνω λεχθεῖσι  
 καὶ τὸ φιλόμουσον.

46. Λόγος που διαρρεῖ Τυρρηνὸς ὁ λέγων τοὺς  
 ὕς τοὺς ἀγρίους καὶ τὰς παρ' αὐτοῖς ἐλάφους ὑπὸ <sup>5</sup>  
 δικτύων μὲν καὶ κυνῶν ἀλίσκεσθαι, ἥπερ οὖν  
 θήρας νόμος, συναγωνιζομένης δὲ αὐτοῖς τῆς  
 μουσικῆς καὶ μᾶλλον. πῶς δέ, ἤδη ἐρῶ.<sup>6</sup> τὰ μὲν  
 δίκτυα περιβάλλουσι καὶ τὰ λοιπὰ θήρατρα, ὅσα  
 ἐλλοχᾷ τὰ ζῶα· ἔστηκε δὲ ἀνὴρ αὐλῶν τεχνίτης,  
 καὶ ὥς ὅτι μάλιστα πειράται τοῦ μέλους ὑποχαλᾶν,  
 καὶ ὃ τι ποτέ ἐστι τῆς μουσικῆς σύντονον ἔῃ, πᾶν  
 δὲ ὃ τι γλύκιστον αὐλωδίας τοῦτο ᾄδει. . . <sup>7</sup>  
 ἡσυχία τε καὶ ἡρεμία ραδίως διαπορθμεύει, καὶ  
 ἐς τὰς ἄκρας καὶ ἐς τοὺς αὐλῶνας καὶ ἐς τὰ  
 δάση καὶ ἐς ἀπάσας συνελόντι εἰπεῖν τὰς τῶν

<sup>1</sup> Brunck: ἐπορεύσατε MSS, H, v.l. -το.

<sup>2</sup> Brunck: χορεύοντες.

<sup>3</sup> Brunck: με ἀπό.

swim and dance, with nimble flingings of their  
 feet leaping lightly, snub-nosed hounds with  
 bristling neck, swift runners, music-loving  
 dolphins, sea-nurslings of the Nereid maids  
 divine, whom Amphitrite bore, even they that  
 carried me, a wanderer on the Sicilian main, to  
 the headland of Taenarum in Pelops' land, mount-  
 ing me upon their humped backs as they clove the  
 furrow of Nereus' plain, a path untrodden, when  
 deceitful men had cast me from their sea-faring  
 hollow ship into the purple swell of ocean.<sup>a</sup>

So to the characteristics of dolphins mentioned earlier  
 on I think we may add a love of music.

46. There is an Etruscan story current which says  
 that the wild boars and the stags in that country are  
 caught by using nets and hounds, as is the usual  
 manner of hunting, but that music plays a part, and  
 even the larger part, in the struggle. And how this  
 happens I will now relate. They set the nets and  
 other hunting gear that ensnare the animals in a  
 circle, and a man proficient on the pipes stands there  
 and tries his utmost to play a rather soft tune,  
 avoiding any shriller note, but playing the sweetest  
 melodies possible. The quiet and the stillness easily  
 carry <the sound> abroad; and the music streams  
 up to the heights and into ravines and thickets—in a  
 word into every lair and resting-place of these

Music as a  
 means of  
 capturing  
 Animals

<sup>a</sup> The poem is apocryphal and is the work of some writer  
 of dithyrambs perhaps of the late 5th cent. B.C. See H. W.  
 Smyth, *Gk. melic poets*, pp. 15, 205.

<sup>4</sup> Hermann: ῥύψαν.

<sup>6</sup> λέγω.

<sup>5</sup> καὶ ὑπό.

<sup>7</sup> Lacuna.

θηρίων κοίτας καὶ εὐνὰς τὸ μέλος ἑσρεῖ. καὶ τὰ μὲν πρῶτα παρίοντος ἐς τὰ ὦτα αὐτοῖς τοῦ ἤχου ἐκπέπληγε<sup>1</sup> καὶ πού καὶ δείματος ὑποπίμπλαται, εἴτα ἀκρατος καὶ ἄμαχος<sup>2</sup> αὐτὰ ἡδονὴ τῆς μούσης περιλαμβάνει, καὶ κηλούμενα λήθην ἔχει καὶ ἐκγόνων<sup>3</sup> καὶ οἰκιῶν.<sup>4</sup> καίτοι φιλεῖ τὰ θηρία μὴ ἀπὸ τῶν συντροφῶν χωρίων πλανᾶσθαι. τὰ δ' οὖν Τυρρηνὰ κατ' ὀλίγον ὥσπερ ὑπὸ τίνος ἱυγγος ἀναπειθούσης ἔλκεται,<sup>5</sup> καὶ καταγοητεύοντος τοῦ μέλους ἀφικνεῖται καὶ ἐμπίπτει ταῖς πάγαις τῇ μούσῃ κεχειρωμένα.

47. Ἀνθία δὲ βαλλόμενοι ὅταν ἀλῶσιν οἰκτιστόν εἰσι θεαμάτων, καὶ ἀποθνήσκοντες ἑαυτοὺς εὐόικασι θρηγεῖν καὶ τρόπον τινὰ ἱκετεύειν, ὥσπερ οὖν ἄνθρωποι λησταῖς ἐντυχόντες ἀνοικτίστοις τε καὶ φονικωτάτοις. οἱ μὲν γὰρ αὐτῶν ἀποδιδράσκουν πειρώμενοι εἴτα τοῖς δικτύοις ἐμπαλάσσονται,<sup>6</sup> ὑπεράλλεσθαι δὲ αὐτοὺς πειρωμένους τὸν λόχον εἴτα μέντοι καταλαμβάνει αἰχμή· οἱ δὲ ἀποδιδράσκοντες τόνδε τὸν θάνατον ἐς τὴν τέως πολέμιαν ἰχθύσι γῆν ἐξεπήδησαν, τὸ τέλος τοῦ βίου τὸ χωρὶς τοῦ ξίφους προηρημένοι καὶ μάλα ἀσμένως.

<sup>1</sup> ἐκπέπληγε καὶ διὰ τὸ ἄηθες.

<sup>3</sup> ἐγγόνων.

<sup>5</sup> Reiske: ἔλκονται.

<sup>2</sup> ἀκρατῶς καὶ ἀμάχως.

<sup>4</sup> οἰκιῶν καὶ χώρων.

<sup>6</sup> Schn: ἐμπλάσσονται.

animals. Now at first when the sound penetrates to their ears it strikes them with terror and fills them with dread, and then an unalloyed and irresistible delight in the music takes hold of them, and they are so beguiled as to forget about their offspring and their homes. And yet wild beasts do not care to wander away from their native haunts. But little by little these creatures in Etruria are attracted as though by some persuasive spell, and beneath the wizardry of the music they come and fall into the snares, overpowered by the melody.

47. The Anthias, if wounded while it is being captured, is a most pitiful sight, and as it dies seems to be mourning for itself and to be somehow imploring, like men who have fallen among pitiless and most bloodthirsty brigands. For some of these fish in their attempt to escape get entangled in the nets, and as they try to leap out of the ambush are caught by the harpoon. Others which contrive to escape this death, spring out on to the shore, hitherto the fishes' enemy, preferring, and gladly so, death without the aid of the sword.

The  
'Anthias'  
fish



1. Ἀετὸν ἀκούω Γορδίῳ τὴν τοῦ παιδὸς αὐτοῦ Μίδον<sup>1</sup> βασιλείαν ὑποσημῆναι, ἥνικα ἀροῦντι τῷ Γορδίῳ ἐπιπτάς, εἶτα μέντοι κατὰ τοῦ ζυγοῦ καθίσας συνδιημέρευσεν, οὐδὲ προαπέστη πρὶν ἢ γενομένης ἑσπέρας καὶ ἐκείνος κατέλυσε τὴν ἄροσιν ἐπιστάντος τοῦ βουλυτοῦ. Γέλωνος δὲ τοῦ Συρακοσίου παιδὸς ὄντος λύκος μέγιστος ἐσπηδήσας ἐς τὸ διδασκαλεῖον ἐξήρπασε τῶν χειρῶν τοῖς ὁδοῦσι τὴν δέλτον, καὶ ὁ Γέλων ἐξαναστὰς τοῦ θάκου ἐδίωκεν αὐτόν, τὸ μὲν θηρίον μὴ καταπτῆξας, περιεχόμενος δὲ τῆς δέλτου ἰσχυρῶς. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἐξω τοῦ διδασκαλείου ἐγένετο, τὸ μὲν κατηνέχθη καὶ τοὺς παῖδας αὐτῷ διδασκάλῳ κατέβαλε, θεία δὲ προμηθεῖα ὁ Γέλων περιῆν<sup>2</sup> μόνος. καὶ τό γε παράδοξον, οὐκ ἀπέκτεινεν ἄνθρωπον ἀλλ' ἔσωσε λύκος, οὐκ ἀτιμασάντων τῶν θεῶν οὐδὲ διὰ τῶν ἀλόγων τῷ μὲν τὴν βασιλείαν προδηλώσαι, τὸν δὲ τοῦ μέλλοντος κινδύνου σῶσαι. ἴδιον δὲ τῶν ζώων καὶ τὸ θεοφιλές.

2. Οἱ Κᾶρες αἰροῦσι τοὺς σαργοὺς τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον. νότου καταπνέοντος ἡσυχῇ καὶ προσβάλλοντος αὔρας μαλακωτέρας καὶ τοῦ κύματος σπορεσθέντος καὶ πρᾶως ταῖς ψάμμοις ἐπηχοῦντος,

<sup>1</sup> Ges: Μῆδον.

<sup>2</sup> περιῆει.

1. I have heard that an eagle intimated to Gordius that his son Midas<sup>a</sup> would be king when, as he was ploughing, it flew over Gordius, and then settling upon the yoke, remained with him all day long and did not depart before he finished his ploughing at eventide when the hour for unyoking was at hand.

And when Gelon<sup>b</sup> of Syracuse was a boy an immense wolf sprang into the schoolroom and with its teeth snatched his writing-tablet from his hands. And Gelon rose from his seat and gave chase, not being afraid of the beast but clinging valiantly to his writing-tablet. And when he got outside the schoolroom it fell and crushed the boys along with the master. It was by divine providence that Gelon was the only one to escape. And the strange thing is that the wolf did not kill a man but saved his life, for the gods did not disdain to foreshow a kingdom to one even by means of a dumb animal, and to save the other from danger that threatened.

So it is characteristic of animals to be beloved of the gods.

2. This is how the people of Caria catch Sargues. When the south wind is blowing gently and sending softer breezes and when the waves are at rest and chime lightly upon the sands, then the fisherman has

<sup>a</sup> Mythical King of Phrygia.

<sup>b</sup> Gelon, c. 540-478 B.C., became Tyrant of S. in 485.



τηνικαῦτα ὁ θηρατῆς καλάμου μὲν οὐ δεῖται οὐδὲ ἔν, λαβὼν δὲ ἀρκεύθου ῥάβδον πάνν σφόδρα ἔρρωμένης, ἀπ' <sup>1</sup> ἄκρας αὐτῆς ἐξάπτει σειράν, καὶ περιπεῖρει <sup>2</sup> τῷ ἀγκίστρῳ λυκόστομον <sup>3</sup> ὄντα ἡμιτάριχον, καὶ καθίσιν ἐς τὴν θάλατταν. καὶ κάθηται μὲν ἐπὶ τῇ πρύμνῃ τῆς πορθμίδος καὶ τὸν δόλον ὑποκινεῖ, ὑπερέττει δὲ οἱ παῖς <sup>4</sup> ἡσυχῇ, προμαθὼν τῆς ἐλάσεως τὸ σχολαῖον ἐπίτηδες, καὶ ὡς ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν προάγει τὸ σκάφος. πολλοὶ δὲ οἱ σαργοὶ περισκιρτῶσιν ἐκ τῶν συντρόφων φωλεῶν ἀναθορόντες, ἀθροίζονται δὲ ἐπὶ τὸ ἀγκιστρον· ἄγει γὰρ αὐτοὺς οἰοῖται ἕγγι ὁ πάλοι μὲν τεθνηκὼς ἐς τὸ ἐλεῖν δὲ σκευασθεῖς <sup>5</sup> ἰχθύς. εἴτα πλησίον τῆς γῆς γενόμενοι ῥαδίως ἀλίσκονται, τῇ λιχνείᾳ τῆς γαστρὸς δεδεμένοι.

3. Διατριβαὶ δὲ ἰχθύων πολλαί, καὶ γίνονται οἱ μὲν ἐν ταῖς πέτραις, οἱ δὲ ἐν ταῖς ψάμμαις, ἄλλοι δὲ ἐν ταῖς πόαις. καὶ γάρ τοι καὶ πόαι θαλάττιαι εἰσι, καὶ αἱ μὲν αὐτῶν καλοῦνται βρύα, αἱ δὲ ἄμπελοι, καὶ σταφυλαὶ τινες, καὶ φύκια ἄλλα· ἦν δὲ ἄρα θαλαττίας <sup>6</sup> πόας καὶ κράμβη ὄνομα, καὶ μνία καλεῖται τινα ἐν αὐταῖς καὶ τρίχες. τροφή δὲ ἄρα τούτων ἄλλω ἄλλῃ <sup>7</sup> ἦν, καὶ οὐκ ἂν πάσαιτο ἑτέρας ὁ εἰθισμένος τῇ συντροφῇ καὶ ὁμοεθνεῖ, ὡς ἂν εἴποι τις.

4. Ἀκουσεῖας δ' ἂν ἀλιέων καὶ ἰχθύων τινα καλλιώνυμον οὕτω λεγόντων· καὶ ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ

<sup>1</sup> ἐπ'.<sup>3</sup> Ges: κυκλόστομον.<sup>2</sup> Reiske: περι.<sup>4</sup> καὶ παῖς.

no need of his reed, but taking a rod of very tough juniper he fastens a cord on the end and spits a half-pickled anchovy on the hook and lets it down into the sea. And he sits in the prow of the skiff and dangles the lure, while his boy rows gently, having purposely been instructed beforehand in the art of leisurely propulsion, and makes the skiff move in the direction of the shore. And the Sargues dart up in their numbers from their native lairs and gambol around and collect about the hook. For the fish, long dead indeed but prepared for catching, draws them as it were with a spell. Presently when they are close to the shore they are easily caught, being made prisoners through their belly's greed.

3. The haunts of fishes are numerous: some are found among rocks, others in sand, others again among vegetation, for you must know there is vegetation even in the sea, and some is called 'oyster-green,' some 'vines,' certain kinds 'grapes,' and others 'grass-wrack.' And it seems that the name 'cabbage' also is attached to marine vegetation, and some kinds are called 'seaweed,' and some 'hair.' And some fish feed on one kind, others on another, and a fish that is accustomed to the food on which it has been reared and to which it is, so to say, akin would never touch any other kind.

Fishes, their haunts and their food

4. You may hear fishermen speak also of a fish they call *Callionymus* (Star-gazer). And concerning

The Star-gazer fish

<sup>5</sup> διασπασθεῖς.<sup>6</sup> Ges: θαλαττίου.<sup>7</sup> Gron: ἄλλο.

Ἀριστοτέλης λέγει ὅτι ἄρα ἐπὶ τοῦ λοβοῦ τοῦ δεξιοῦ καθημένην <sup>1</sup> ἔχει χολήν πολλήν, τὸ δὲ ἥπαρ αὐτῷ <sup>2</sup> κατὰ τὴν λαϊάν φορεῖται πλευράν. καὶ μαρτυρεῖ τούτοις καὶ ὁ Μένανδρος ἐν τῇ Μεσσηνίᾳ οἷμαι λέγων

τίθημι' ἔχειν χολήν σε καλλιωνύμου  
πλείω,

καὶ Ἀνάξιππος ἐν Ἐπιδικαζομένῳ

ἐάν με κινήσῃ καὶ ποιήσῃς τὴν χολήν  
ἅπασαν ὥσπερ καλλιωνύμου ζέσαι,  
ὅψει διαφέροντ' οὐδὲ ἐν ξιφίου κυνός.

εἰσὶ μὲν οὖν οἱ καὶ φασιν αὐτὸν ἐδώδιμον, οἱ δὲ πλείους ἀντιλέγουσιν αὐτοῖς. οὐ ραδίως δὲ αὐτοῦ μνημονεύουσιν ἐν ταῖς † ὑπὲρ τῶν ἰχθύων πανθοι-  
νίαις, ὧν τι καὶ ὄφελός ἐστι ποιηταὶ θέμενοι <sup>3</sup>  
σπουδὴν ἐς μνήμην ἔνθεσμον, † <sup>4</sup> Ἐπίχαρμος μὲν  
ἐν Ἡβας <sup>5</sup> Γάμῳ καὶ Γᾶ καὶ Θαλάσσῃ καὶ  
προσέτι <καὶ> <sup>6</sup> Μώσαις, <sup>7</sup> Μνησίμαχος δὲ ἐν τῷ  
Ἰσθμιονίκῃ.

5. Βάτραχος δὲ θαλάττιος τίττει κατὰ τοὺς  
ὀρνίθας ὦν καὶ οὗτος. οὐ ζωογονεῖ γὰρ ἐν

<sup>1</sup> Ges: καθεμένην.

<sup>2</sup> αὐτῷ δὲ τὸ ἦ.

<sup>3</sup> ποιητῶν θεμένων.

<sup>4</sup> ὑπὲρ τῶν . . . ἔνθεσμον corrupt.

<sup>5</sup> Cas: Ἡρας.

<sup>6</sup> <καὶ> add. H.

<sup>7</sup> Hemst: Μούσαις.

<sup>a</sup> Ar. only says that its gall-bladder is close to the liver and very large in relation to the size of the fish. See fr. 286 (Rose, p. 307).

it Aristotle says [HA 506 b 10] <sup>a</sup> that it has a considerable quantity of gall stored close to the right-hand lobe of the liver, and that its liver is situated on its left side. And Menander bears witness to these statements when he says in his *Messenian woman* [fr. 31 K], I think,

'I will make you have more gall than a Star-gazer';

and Anaxippus in his *Epidicazomenus* [fr. 2K]:

'If you rouse me and make all my gall boil like a Star-gazer's, you will find that I differ no whit from a sword-fish.'

There are those who assert that it is edible; most people however assert the contrary. But you will not easily discover any mention of the Star-gazer in any description of fish-banquets, although poets have been at pains to record every fish of any value; they are <sup>b</sup> Epicharmus in his *Hebe's Wedding* [Kaibel CGF p. 98], his *Land and Sea* [ib. 94], and also his *Muses* [ib. 98], and Mnesimachus in his *Isthmian Victor* [fr. 5K].

5. The Fishing-frog <sup>c</sup> also lays an egg, as birds do, <sup>The Fishing-frog</sup>  
for it is not viviparous, because its new-born young

<sup>b</sup> The passage is corrupt and the translation gives what may be the general sense.

<sup>c</sup> More commonly called 'Angler'; see above, 9. 24. It has a huge, broad, flat head but a very thin body. Of the three filaments projecting from its head the front one alone is movable and tipped with a lappet: this is the 'lure' (δέλεα) of 9. 24. The 'account of its reproduction and of its egg . . . is quite untrue' (Thompson). See *Enc. Brit.* (11th ed.), art. 'Angler.'

ἐαυτῷ· κεφαλὴν γὰρ ἔχει καὶ τὰ ἀρτιγενῆ μεγάλην τε ἅμα καὶ τραχείαν, καὶ διὰ ταῦτα ὑποδέξασθαι τὰ βρέφη δεισαντα ἡκιστός ἐστιν· ἐλκώσει γὰρ αὐτὸν καὶ κακώσει<sup>1</sup> ἐσπίπτοντα τὴν αὖθις. ἀλλὰ καὶ τικτόμενα ἂν καὶ ἐξιόντα εἰργάζετο παραπλήσια. οὔτε οὖν εὐώδινες ἐς ζώων γένεσιν εἰσιν οὔτε μὴν κρησφύγετα τοῖς ἐκγόνοις ἀγαθὰ. ὥσθ' δὲ τὴν φύσιν ἢ ιδιότητα οὐχ ὁμολογεῖ τὸ τῶν βατράχων, τραχὺ δέ ἐστι καὶ ἐκεῖνο, καὶ ἔχει φολιδας, καὶ προσαψαμένῳ φανεῖται σοι ἀντίτυπον.

6. Οἱ πολύποδες καὶ αὐτοὶ χρόνῳ γίνονται μέγιστοι, καὶ ἐς κήτη προχωροῦσι, καὶ ἐναριθμοῦνται ἐν αὐτοῖς καὶ οὗτοι. ἀκούω γοῦν ἐν Δικαιαρχίᾳ τῇ Ἰταλικῇ πολύπου ἐς ὄγκον σώματος ὑπερήφανον προελθόντα τὴν μὲν ἐν τῇ θαλάττῃ τροφὴν καὶ τὰς ἐκείθεν νομάς ἀτιμάσαι καὶ ὑπερφρονῆσαι αὐτῶν. προῆει δὲ ἄρα οὗτος καὶ ἐς τὴν γῆν, καὶ ἐλήζετο καὶ τῶν χερσαίων ἐστιν ἄ. οὐκοῦν διὰ<sup>2</sup> τινος ὑπονόμου κρυπτοῦ ἐκβάλλοντος ἐς τὴν θάλατταν τὰ ἐκ τῆς πόλεως τῆς προειρημένης ῥυπαρὰ ἐσνέων καὶ ἀνίων ἐς οἶκόν τινα πάραλον, ἐνθα ἦν ἐμπόρων Ἰβηρικῶν φόρτος καὶ ταρίχη τὰ ἐκείθεν ἐν σκεύεσιν ἀδρόις, εἰτα τὰς πλεκτάνας περιχέων καὶ σφίγγων τὸν κέραμον ἐρρήγνυ τὰ ἀγγεῖα καὶ κατεδαίνυτο τὰ ταρίχη. οἱ δὲ ἐσιόντες ὡς ἐώρων τὰ ὄστρακα, πολὺν δὲ τοῦ φόρτου ἀριθμὸν ἄφανῇ κατελάμβανον, ἐξεπλήττοντο καὶ τίς ἦν ὁ κεραῖζων αὐτοὺς συμβαλεῖν οὐκ εἶχον, τῶν μὲν θυρῶν ἀνεπιβουλεύτων βλεπομένων, τοῦ δὲ ὁρόφου ὄντος

<sup>1</sup> ἐλκοῦσι . . . κακῶς.<sup>2</sup> καὶ διὰ.

have a large, rough head, and for that reason it is incapable of taking them back when they are frightened. For their re-entry will lacerate and injure the parent, and were they to be born alive and to emerge so, they would produce the same effect. And so they are not well adapted to producing their young alive nor are they a secure place of refuge for them. The egg of the Fishing-frog does not conform to the nature and character of an egg, for even that is rough and has scales, and you will find it hard if you touch it.

6. Octopuses naturally, with the lapse of time, attain to enormous proportions and approach cetaceans and are actually reckoned as such. At any rate I learn of an octopus at Dicaearchia in Italy which attained to a monstrous bulk and scorned and despised food from the sea and such pasturage as it provided. And so this creature actually came out on to the land and seized things there. Now it swam up through a subterranean sewer that discharged the refuse of the aforesaid city into the sea and emerged in a house on the shore where some Iberian merchants had their cargo, that is, pickled fish from that country in immense jars: it threw its tentacles round the earthenware vessels and with its grip broke them and feasted on the pickled fish. And when the merchants entered and saw the broken pieces, they realised that a large quantity of their cargo had disappeared; and they were amazed and could not guess who had robbed them: they

A monstrous  
Octopus

ἄσινοῦς καὶ τῶν τοίχων μὴ διεσκαμμένων· ἑωράτο δὲ καὶ τῶν ἰχθύων τῶν ταρίχων λείψανα ὑπολειφθέντα<sup>1</sup> ὑπὸ τοῦ ἀκλήτου δαιτυμόνος. ἔκριναν δὴ τινα τῶν οἰκείων τὸν μάλιστα εὐτολμότατον ἔνδον ὥπλισμένον καταλιπεῖν ἔλλοχῶντα. νύκτωρ οὖν ἐπὶ τὴν συνήθη δαῖτα ὁ πολύπους ἀνέρπει, καὶ περιχυθεὶς τοῖς σκεύεσιν ὥσπερ ἐς πνῦγμα ἀθλητῆς συλλαβὼν τὸν ἀντίπαλον ἐγκρατῶς τε καὶ μάλα εὐλαβῶς, εἴτα συνέτριβε τὸν κέραμον ληστῆς ὡς εἰπεῖν ὁ πολύπους ῥᾶστα. ἦν δὲ διχόμενος, καὶ κατελάμπετο ὁ οἶκος, καὶ πάντα ἦν εὐσύνοπτα. ὁ δὲ οὐκ ἐπεχειρεῖ μόνος, δείσας τὸν θῆρα (καὶ γὰρ μόνου μελίζων ὁ ἐχθρὸς ἦν) περιηγείται δὲ ἕωθεν τοῖς ἐμπόροις τὰ πεπραγμένα· ἀκούοντες δὲ ἠπίστουν. εἴτα οἱ μὲν τῆς ζημίας τῆς τοσαύτης μνήμη τὸν κίνδυνον<sup>2</sup> ἀνερρίπτουν, καὶ συνελθεῖν<sup>3</sup> τῷ ἐχθρῷ ἔσπευδον,<sup>4</sup> οἱ δὲ τῆς καυῆς καὶ ἀπίστου θέας διψῶντες συναπεκλείοντο αὐθαίρετοι σύμμαχοι. εἴτα ἑσπέρας ὁ φῶρ ἐπιφοιτᾷ, καὶ ὄρμῃ ἐπὶ τὴν συνήθη τράπεζαν. ἐνταῦθα οἱ μὲν ἀπέφραττον τὸν ὀχετόν, οἱ δὲ ὥπλιζον ἐπὶ τὸν πολέμιον,<sup>5</sup> καὶ κοπίσι καὶ ξυροῖς τεθηγμένοις αὐτοῦ διέκοπτον τὰς πλεκτάνας, ὡς δρυὸς κλάδους ἀκροτάτους<sup>6</sup> ἀμπελουργοὶ τε καὶ δρυοτόμοι. καὶ τὴν ἀλκὴν αὐτοῦ περικόψαντες καθεῖλον ὁπὲ καὶ μόγις οὐκ ὀλίγα πονήσαντες, καὶ τὸ καινότατον, ἐν τῇ γῇ τὸν ἰχθύν ἐθηράσαντο ἔμποροι. τὸ<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ἀπολειφθέντα.

<sup>2</sup> Ges: τὸν κίνδυνον μνήμη.

<sup>3</sup> Schm: συνεισελθεῖν.

<sup>4</sup> συνέσπευδον.

<sup>5</sup> Ges: πόλεμον.

<sup>6</sup> ἀβροτάτους or ἀδρο-.

saw that no attempt had been made upon the doors; the roof was undamaged; the walls had not been broken through. They saw also the remains of the pickled fish that had been left behind by the uninvited guest. So they decided to have their most courageous servant armed and waiting in ambush in the house. Well, during the night the Octopus crept up to its accustomed meal and clasping the vessels, as an athlete puts a strangle-hold upon his adversary with all his might gripping firmly, the robber—if I may so call the Octopus—crushed the earthenware with the greatest ease. It was full moon, and the house was full of light, and everything was quite visible. But the servant was not for attacking the brute single-handed as he was afraid, moreover his adversary was too big for one man, but in the morning he informed the merchants what had happened. They could not believe their ears. Then some of them remembering how heavily they had been mulcted, were for risking the danger and were eager to encounter their enemy, while others in their thirst for this singular and incredible spectacle voluntarily shut themselves up with their companions in order to help them. Later, in the evening the marauder paid his visit and made for his usual feast. Thereupon some of them closed off the conduit; others took arms against the enemy and with choppers and razors well sharpened cut the tentacles, just as vine-dressers and woodmen lop the tips of the branches of an oak. And having cut away its strength, at long last they overcame it not without considerable labour. And what was so strange was that merchants captured the fish on dry land. Mis-

<sup>7</sup> καὶ τό κ.

κακοῦργον δὴ τοῦδε τοῦ ζώου καὶ τὸ δολερὸν ἀναπέφηνεν ἡμῖν ἴδιον ὄν.

7. Τῶν τεθραμένων ἐλεφάντων ἰῶνται τὰ τραύματα οἱ Ἰνδοὶ τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον. καταιονοῦσι μὲν αὐτὰ ὕδατι χλιαρῷ, ὥσπερ οὖν τὸ τοῦ Εὐρυπύλου παρὰ τῷ καλῷ Ὀμήρῳ ὁ Πάτροκλος· εἶτα μέντοι διαχρίουσι βουτύρῳ<sup>1</sup> αὐτά· ἐὰν δὲ ᾗ βαθέα, τὴν φλεγμονὴν πραῦνουσιν ὕεια κρέα θερμὰ μὲν ἔναιμα δὲ ἔτι προσφέροντες καὶ ἐντιθέντες· τὰς δὲ ὀφθαλμίας θεραπεύουσιν αὐτῶν βόειον γάλα ἀλειάνοντες εἶτα αὐτοῖς ἐγχέοντες, οἱ δὲ ἀνοίγουσι τὰ βλέφαρα, καὶ ὠφελοῦμενοι ἡδοναί τε καὶ αἰσθάνονται, ὥσπερ ἄνθρωποι. καὶ ἐς τοσοῦτον ἐπικλύζουσιν, ἐς ὅσον ἂν ἀποπαύσωνται λημώντες· μαρτύριον δὲ τοῦ παύσασθαι τὴν ὀφθαλμίαν τοῦτό ἐστι· τὰ δὲ νοσήματα ὅσα αὐτοῖς προσπίπτει ἄλλως, ὁ μέλας οἶνός ἐστιν αὐτοῖς ἄκος· εἰ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο ἐξάντης τοῦ κακοῦ τῷ φαρμάκῳ τῷδε, ἄσωστά οἱ ἐστί.

8. Ἐλεφάντι ἀγελαίῳ μὲν τετιθασευμένῳ<sup>2</sup> γε μὴν ὕδωρ πῶμά ἐστι, τῷ δὲ <τὰ><sup>3</sup> ἐς πόλεμον ἀθλοῦντι οἶνος μὲν, οὐ μὴν ὁ τῶν ἀμπέλων, ἐπεὶ τὸν μὲν ἐξ ὀρύξης χειρουργοῦσι, τὸν δὲ ἐκ καλάμου· προΐασι δὲ καὶ ἄνθη σφίσιν ἀθροίσοντες· εἰσὶ γὰρ ἔρασταί εὐωδίας, καὶ ἄγονται γε ἐπὶ τοὺς λειμῶνας, ὁσμῇ πωλευθησόμενοι τῇ ἡδίστη. καὶ ὁ μὲν ἐκλέγει κρίνας τῇ ὁσφρήσει τὸ ἄνθος, τάλαραν δὲ ἔχων ὁ πωλευτής τρυγῶντος καὶ ἐμβάλλοντος

<sup>1</sup> τῷ βουτύρῳ.

<sup>2</sup> Reiske: εἰθισμένῳ.

chief and craft are plainly seen to be characteristics of this creature.

7. The people of India heal the wounds of Elephants which they have captured in the following manner. They foment them with warm water, just as Patroclus fomented the wound of Eurypylus in our noble Homer [*Il.* 11. 829], and then anoint them with butter. But if they are deep, they reduce the inflammation by applying and laying on them pigs' flesh hot and with the blood still in it. Their ophthalmia they treat by warming some cow's milk and pouring it into their eyes, and the Elephants open their eyelids and are gratified just as men are, to perceive what benefit they derive. And the Indians continue the bathing until the inflammation ceases; this is evidence that the ophthalmia has been arrested. As for other diseases that afflict them, black<sup>a</sup> wine is the cure for them. But if this medicine does not rid them of their complaint, then nothing will save them.

Remedies  
for sick  
Elephants

8. An Elephant belonging to a herd but which has been tamed drinks water; but an Elephant that fights in war drinks wine, not however that made from grapes, for men prepare a wine from rice or from cane. And these tame Elephants go out to gather flowers for themselves, for they love a sweet smell and are led to the meadows to be trained by the most fragrant scent. And an Elephant using its sense of smell will pick out a flower, while the trainer, basket in hand, holds it out beneath the

The  
Elephant  
and its love  
of flowers

<sup>a</sup> I.e. dark red.

<sup>3</sup> <τὰ> *add.* H.

ὑπέχει. εἴτα ὅταν ἐμπλήσῃ τοῦτον, ὥσπερ οὖν ὀπώραν δρεπόμενος λούται, καὶ ἥδεται τῷ λουτρῷ κατὰ τοὺς τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἀβροτέρους. εἴτα ἐπανελθὼν τὰ ἀνθη ποθεῖ, καὶ βοᾷ βραδύνοντος, καὶ οὐχ αἰρεῖται τροφήν πρὶν ἢ κομίσῃ τίς οἱ ὅσα ἐτρύγησεν. εἴτα μέντοι τῇ προβοσκίδι ἀναιρούμενος ἐκ τοῦ ταλάρου τῆς φάτνης καταπάττει τὰ χεῖλη, ἥδυσμα τοῦτό γε τῇ τροφῇ διὰ τῆς εὐοσμίας ἐπινοῶν, ὥς εἰπεῖν. κατασπείρει δὲ καὶ τοῦ χώρου ἔνθα αὐλίζεται τῶν ἀνθέων πολλά, ἥδυσμένον αἰρεῖσθαι γλιχόμενος ὕπνον. Ἰνδοὶ δὲ ἐλέφαντες ἦσαν ἄρα πήχεων ἑνέα τὸ ὕψος, πέντε δὲ τὸ εὖρος. μέγιστοι δὲ ἄρα τῶν ἐκεῖθι ἐλεφάντων οἱ καλούμενοι Πράσιοι,<sup>1</sup> δεῦτεροι δ' ἂν τῶνδε τάττοιτο οἱ Ταξίλοι.<sup>2</sup>

9. Ἴππον δὲ ἄρα Ἰνδὸν κατασχεῖν καὶ ἀνακροῦσαι προπηδῶντά καὶ ἐκθέοντα οὐ παντὸς ἦν, ἀλλὰ τῶν ἐκ παιδὸς ἵππειαν πεπαιδευμένων. οὐ<sup>3</sup> γὰρ αὐτοῖς ἐστὶν ἐν ἔθει χαλινῷ ἄρχεω αὐτῶν καὶ ρυθμίζειν αὐτοὺς καὶ ἰθύνειν, κημοῖς δὲ ἄρα κεντρωτοῖς ἀκόλαστον τε<sup>4</sup> ἔχουσι τὴν γλῶτταν καὶ τὴν ὑπερώαν ἀβασάνιστον· ἀναγκάζουσι δὲ αὐτοὺς ὅμως οἶδε οἱ τὴν ἵππειαν σοφιστὰι [περικυκλεῖν καὶ]<sup>5</sup> περιδινεῖσθαι ἐς ταῦτον στρεφομένους.<sup>6</sup> δεῖ δὲ ἄρα τῷ τοῦτο δράσοντι καὶ ῥώμης χειρῶν καὶ ἐπιστήμης εἶ μάλᾳ ἵππικῆς. πειρῶνται δὲ οἱ προήκοντες ἐς ἄκρον τῆσδε τῆς σοφίας καὶ ἄρμα οὕτως περικυκλεῖν καὶ περιάγειν· εἴη δ' ἂν

<sup>1</sup> Πράσι- MSS always.

<sup>3</sup> τοῦτο.

<sup>2</sup> Ταξίλοι? Warmington.

<sup>4</sup> γὰρ Jac, H.

<sup>5</sup> [περικυκλεῖν καὶ] del. H.

picker as he throws it in. Later when it has filled the basket, like a fruit-gatherer it has a bath and takes as much pleasure in the bath as the more luxurious of mankind do. Then on its return it wants the flowers, and if the keeper delays, it trumpets and refuses food until somebody brings it the flowers it has gathered. Then it picks them out of the basket with its trunk and sprinkles them along the rim of its manger, for it regards them as imparting a flavour, as it were, to its food by means of their scent. And it scatters a quantity of flowers over its stall, as it desires a fragrant sleep. It seems that Indian Elephants are nine cubits high and five wide, and the largest are those they call Prasian; next to these one may reckon those from Taxila.<sup>a</sup>

9. To control an Indian Horse, to check him when <sup>The Indian Horse</sup> he leaps forward and would gallop away, has not, it seems, been given to every man, but only to those who have been brought up from childhood to manage horses. For it is not the Indian custom to rule them, to bring them to order, and to direct them by means of the rein but by spiked muzzles; thus their tongue goes unpunished and the roof of their mouth untormented. Still, those who are skilled in horsemanship compel them to go round and round, returning to the same point. Now if a man would do this he requires strength of hand and a thorough understanding of horses. Those who have attained the summit of this science even try by these means to drive a chariot in circles. And it would be no con-

<sup>6</sup> στρεφομένους, καὶ ἥπερ εἶδον ἀστόμους.

<sup>a</sup> City in the extreme NW of India.

ἄθλος οὐκ εὐκαταφρόνητος ἀδηφάγων ἵππων  
τέτρωρον περιστρέφειν ῥαδίως· φέρει δὲ τὸ ἄρμα  
παραβάτας δύο· ὁ δὲ στρατιώτης ἐλέφας ἐπὶ τοῦ  
καλουμένου θωρακίου ἢ καὶ νῆ Δία τοῦ νώτου  
γυμνοῦ καὶ ἐλευθέρου φέρει πολεμιστὰς μὲν τρεῖς  
. . .<sup>1</sup> παρ' ἐκάτερα βάλλοντας καὶ τὸν τρίτον  
κατόπιν, τέταρτον δὲ τὸν τὴν ἄρπην ἔχοντα<sup>2</sup> διὰ  
χειρῶν καὶ ἐκείνη τὸν θῆρα ἰθύνοντα, ὥς οἴακι  
ναῦν κυβερνητικὸν ἄνδρα καὶ ἐπιστάτην τῆς νεώς.

10. Θήρα δὲ παρδάλεων Μαυρουσία εἶη ἄν.<sup>3</sup>  
καὶ ἔστιν αὐτοῖς οἰκοδομία λίθων πεποιημένη, καὶ  
ἔοικε ζωγρείᾳ<sup>4</sup> τινί, καὶ ἔστι μὲν ὁ λόχος ὅδε ὁ  
πρῶτος· ὁ γὰρ μὲν δεύτερος, ἐνδοτέρω σαπροῦ  
κρέως καὶ ὀδωδότης μοῖραν μηρίνου τινὸς μακρο-  
τέρας ἑξαρθῶσι, θύραν δὲ ἐκ ῥιπιδίων καὶ τινων  
καλάμων ἀραιὰν ἐπέστησαν, καὶ μέντοι καὶ δι'  
αὐτῶν ἐκπνεῖται ἡ τοῦ κρέως τοῦ προειρημένου  
ὁσμὴ διαρρέουσα· αἰσθάνονται<sup>5</sup> δὲ αἱ θῆρες, καὶ  
γὰρ πῶς τοῖς κακόσμοις φιληδοῦσι· προσβάλλει  
γὰρ αὐτὰς<sup>6</sup> ὁ τῶν<sup>7</sup> προειρημένων ἀήρ, εἴαν τε ἐν  
ἄκροις<sup>8</sup> τοῖς ὄρεσιν εἴαν τε ἐν φάραγγι, καὶ  
μέντοι καὶ ἐν αὐλῶνι, εἴτα ἀνεφλέχθῃ τῇ ὁσμῇ  
ἐντυχοῦσα, καὶ ὑπὸ τῆς ἄγαν ὀρμῆς ἐς τὴν θοῆν  
τὴν φίλην ἅπτει φερομένη· ἔλκεται δὲ ὑπ' αὐτῆς  
ὥς ὑπὸ τινος ὕγγος, εἴτα ἐμπίπτει τῇ θύρᾳ καὶ  
ἀνατρέπει αὐτὴν καὶ ἔχεται τοῦ δυστυχοῦς δείπνου.  
τῇ γὰρ τοι μηρίνω τῇ προειρημένῃ συνυφάνθη

<sup>1</sup> Lacuna.<sup>2</sup> κατέχοντα.<sup>3</sup> εἶη ἄν <τοιάδε> add. Grasberger, cp. 13. 14 ad fin., 15. 1.<sup>4</sup> Schm: ζωαγρία.<sup>5</sup> Schm: αἰσθονται.<sup>6</sup> αὐταῖς.

temptible achievement to make a team of four  
ravenous horses circle about with ease. And the  
chariot holds two beside the driver. But a War-  
elephant in what is called the tower, or even, I  
assure you, on its bare back, free of harness, carries  
as many as three armed men. . .<sup>a</sup> who hurl their  
weapons to left and right, and a third behind them,  
while a fourth holds the goad with which he controls  
the beast, as a helmsman or pilot of a vessel controls  
a ship with the rudder.

The War-  
elephant

10. The hunting of Leopards seems to be a Moorish  
practice. The people build a stone structure, and it  
resembles a kind of cage: this is the first part of the  
ambush; and the second part is this: inside they  
fasten a piece of meat that has gone bad and smells,  
by a longish cord and set up a flimsy door made of  
plaited reeds of some kind, and through them the  
smell of the aforesaid meat is exhaled and spreads  
abroad. The animals notice it, being for some reason  
fond of ill-smelling objects, because the scent from  
them assails them whether they are on mountain tops  
or in a ravine or even in a glen. Then when the  
Leopard encounters the smell it gets excited and in  
its excessive desire comes rushing to the feast it  
loves: it is drawn to it as though by some spell.  
Then it dashes at the door, knocks it down, and  
fastens upon the fatal meal—fatal, because on to the  
aforesaid cord there has been woven a noose most  
dexterously contrived, and as the meat is being eaten

Leopard-  
hunting in  
Mauretania<sup>a</sup> Lacuna. The context demands: 'two in front who . . .'<sup>7</sup> ὁ <ἐκ> τῶν? H<sup>8</sup> Reiske: ἀγρίους.

πάγη<sup>1</sup> καὶ μάλα σοφή, ἥπερ οὖν ἐσθιομένου τοῦ κρέως κινεῖται, καὶ περιλαμβάνει τὴν λίχρον πάρδαλιν. καὶ ἑάλω, γαστροῦ ἀδηφάγου καὶ μυσαρᾶς ἐστιάσεως δίκας ἐκτίνουσα ἢ δυστυχής.

11. Αἰροῦνται δὲ οἱ λαγῶ ὑπὸ ἀλωπέκων οὐχ ἥττον<sup>2</sup> ἀλλὰ καὶ μᾶλλον τέχνη· σοφὸν γάρ ἀπατᾶν ἀλώπηξ, καὶ δόλους οἶδεν. ὅταν γοῦν νύκτωρ ἐς ἵχνος ἐμπέσῃ τοῦ λαγῶ καὶ αἰσθηταὶ τοῦ θηρίου, σιγῇ τε ἐπιβαίνει καὶ ποδὶ ἀσφύῳ, καὶ ἀναστέλλει τὸ ἀσθμα, καὶ καταλαβοῦσα ἐν τῇ κοίτῃ πειράται αἰρεῖν ὡς ἀδεᾶ καὶ ἄφροντιν. ὁ δὲ οὐ τρυφῶν οὐδὲ ραθύμως καθεύδει, ἀλλ' αἶμα τε ἥσθετο τοῦ ζώου τοῦ προσιόντος καὶ τῆς εὐνῆς ἐξεπήδησε καὶ θεῖ· καὶ ὁ μὲν ἀνύει<sup>3</sup> τὸν δρόμον καὶ μάλα ὠκέως, ἢ δὲ ἀλώπηξ καὶ αὐτὴ κατ' ἵχνος ἵεται<sup>4</sup> καὶ τοῦ δρόμου ἔχεται. καὶ ὁ μὲν πολλὴν ὁδὸν διανύσας, ὡς ἤδη κρείττων καὶ οὐκ ἂν ἀλούς, ἐμπεσὼν ἐς λόχμην ἀσμένως ἀναπαύεται· ἢ δὲ ἀλώπηξ ἐφίσταται, καὶ ἀτρεμεῖν οὐκ ἐπιτρέπει, πάλιν τε αὐτὸν ἐγείρει, καὶ ἐς δρόμον ἐξηγνέμωσεν ἕτερον. εἶτα οὐχ ἥττων τῆς προτέρας ὁδοῦ καὶ δὴ διηνύσθη, καὶ ὁ μὲν ἀναπαύσασθαι διψῶν πάλιν, ἢ δὲ ἐφίσταται, καὶ σείουσα τὸν θάμνον ἀγρυπνίαν ἐνεργάζεται αὐτῷ. ὁ δὲ πάλιν ἐκθεῖ, καὶ ἢ ἀλώπηξ οὐχ ὑστερεῖ. συνεχέστερον δὲ ὅταν αὐτὸν δρόμος ἐκ δρόμου διαλάβῃ καὶ ἀγρυπνία διαδέξῃται, ὁ μὲν ἀπέειπε,<sup>5</sup> ἢ δὲ ἐπελθοῦσα κατέσχευ αὐτόν, οὐ μὰ Δία δρόμω ἀλλὰ τῷ χρόνῳ καὶ τῷ

<sup>1</sup> ἢ πάγη.

<sup>2</sup> ἐνίοτε οὐχ ἥττον δρόμῳ.

<sup>3</sup> ἀνύει.

this is dislodged and encircles the gluttonous Leopard. So it is caught and pays the penalty for its ravenous belly and its foul feasting, the poor wretch.

11. Hares are caught by Foxes more often than not through an artifice, for the Fox is a master of trickery and knows many a ruse. For instance, when by night it comes upon the track of a Hare and has scented the animal, it steals upon it softly and with noiseless tread, and holds its breath, and finding it in its form, attempts to seize it, supposing it to be free of fear and anxiety. But the Hare is not a luxurious creature and does not sleep carefree, but directly it is aware of the Fox's approach it leaps from its bed and is off. And it speeds on its way with all haste: but the Fox follows in its track and continues its pursuit. And the Hare after covering a great distance, under the impression that it has won and is not likely to be caught, plunges into a thicket and is glad to rest. But the Fox is after it and will not allow it to remain still, but once again rouses it and stimulates it to run again. Then a second course no shorter than the first is gone through, and the Hare again longs to rest, but the Fox is upon it and by shaking the thicket contrives to keep it from sleeping. And again it darts out, but the Fox is hard after it. But when it is driven into running course after course without intermission, and want of sleep ensues, the Hare gives up and the Fox overtakes it and seizes it, having caught it not indeed by speed but by length of time and by craft.

<sup>4</sup> ἐστὶ MSS, εἶσι Schn.

<sup>5</sup> ἀπέειπε καὶ μένει.



δόλω καθελοῦσα. ταῦτα μὲν οὖν ἄλλως προεκθέων  
ὁ λόγος ὑπὲρ τοῦ δρόμου τοῦ λαγῶ ἀναβέβληται,  
τὰ δὲ λοιπὰ ἐν τοῖς ἐπομένοις λέγειν ἔγκαιρότερον.  
ὁθεν δὲ ἐξετραπόμην καὶ δὴ ἐπάνειμι αὐθις. ἥν  
δὲ ἄρα τοῦ διασπείρειν τὰ ἔκγονα καὶ ἄλλο ἄλλη  
τρέφειν αἰτία ἦδε. ἔστι μὲν ὁ λαγὼς φιλότεκνον  
δευῶς, δέδοικε δὲ καὶ τὰς ἐκ τῶν θηρώντων  
ἐπιβουλὰς καὶ τὰς ἐκ τῶν ἀλωπέκων ἐπιδρομάς,  
πέφρικέ γε μὴν καὶ τὰς ἐκ τῶν ὀρνίθων οὐχ ἥττον,  
φωνῇν δὲ κοράκων καὶ ἀετῶν μᾶλλον. πρὸς γὰρ  
δὴ ταῦτα τῶν πτηνῶν οὐκ ἔστιν αὐτῷ ἔνσπονδα.  
ὑποκρύπτει δὲ ἑαυτὸν ἢ θάμνῳ κομώντι ἢ ληϊῷ  
βαθεῖ,<sup>1</sup> ἢ τινα ἄλλην ἑαυτοῦ προβάλλεται ἀναγ-  
καίαν καὶ ἀμαχον<sup>2</sup> σκέπην.

12. Θηρατοῦ δὲ ἀνδρὸς καὶ τὰ ἕτερα ἀγαθοῦ,  
οἷον μὴ ἂν ψεύσασθαι, λόγον ἤκουσα, καὶ αὐτῷ  
πεπίστευκα, καὶ<sup>3</sup> διὰ ταῦτα εἰρήσεται. τίκτειν  
γὰρ δὴ καὶ ἄρρενα λαγῶν<sup>4</sup> ἔλεγε καὶ παιδοποιεῖσθαι  
τε ἅμα καὶ ὠδίνειν καὶ τῆς φύσεως μὴ ἀμοιρεῖν  
ἐκατέρας. καὶ ὥς ἐκτρέφει τεκνῶν ἔλεγε, καὶ ὥς  
ἀποτίκτει καὶ δύο πού καὶ τρία, καὶ τοῦτο ἐμαρτύ-  
ρει, καὶ δὴ καὶ τὸν κολοφῶνα ἐπῆγε τῷδε τῷ  
λόγῳ παντὶ ἐκείνῳ. θηραθῆναι γὰρ λαγῶν ἄρ-  
ρενα ἡμιθνήτα, ἐξωγκῶσθαι δὲ αὐτοῦ τὴν γαστέρα  
ἄτε ἔγκαρπον. ἀνατμηθῆναι τε οὖν αὐτὸν ὠμολό-  
γει καὶ μήτραν πεφωρᾶσθαι καὶ τρεῖς λαγιδεῖς.<sup>5</sup>  
τούτους οὖν ἀκινήτους τέως εἶναι ἐξαιρεθέντας καὶ  
κέσθαι οἷονεῖ κρέα ἄλλως. ἐπεὶ δὲ ὑπὸ τοῦ

<sup>1</sup> γηδῷ δασεῖ.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ δὴ καί.

<sup>2</sup> ἀμήχανον τήν.

<sup>4</sup> ἄρρενας λαγῶς.

<sup>5</sup> λαγῶς.

Anyhow the account, by starting with the running <sup>The Hare and its young</sup>  
of the Hare, has got too far ahead; the remainder  
it will be more appropriate to relate in the sequel.  
But I will return to the point at which I was diverted.<sup>a</sup>  
It seems that the reason why it distributes its young  
and rears them in different spots is as follows. The  
Hare is deeply devoted to its offspring and dreads  
both the designs of huntsmen and the attacks of  
foxes; and it has no less a horror of the attacks of  
birds, and even more so of the cry of ravens and of  
eagles. For there is no treaty of peace between  
these birds and it. And it conceals itself in some  
leafy bush or deep corn-field or protects itself behind  
some other enforced and unassailable shelter.

12. I have heard from one who is a hunter and a <sup>The male Hare</sup>  
good man besides, the kind that would not tell a lie, a  
story which I believe to be true and shall therefore  
relate. For he used to maintain that even the male  
Hare does in fact give birth and produce offspring  
and endure the birthpangs and partake of both  
sexes. And he told me how it bears and rears its  
young ones, and how it brings perhaps two or three  
to birth; and he bore witness to this too, and then  
as the finishing touch to the whole story added the  
following. A male Hare had been caught in a  
half-dead state, and its belly was enlarged, being  
pregnant. Now he admitted that it had been cut  
open and that its womb, containing three leverets,  
had been discovered. These, he said, which so far  
were undisturbed, were taken out and lay there like  
lifeless flesh. When however they were warmed

<sup>a</sup> Perhaps something has been lost at the beginning of the chapter.

ἡλίου ἀλειυνόμενοι καὶ δὴ κατὰ μικρὰ ὑποθαλ-  
πόμενοι διέτριψαν,<sup>1</sup> ἀναφέροντες ἑαυτοὺς ἀνεβίω-  
σκοντο, καὶ πού τις αὐτῶν καὶ ἐκινήθη καὶ μετὰ  
ταῦτα ἀνέβλεψε, τάχα δὲ καὶ γλῶτταν ἐπὶ τούτοις  
προὔβαλε, καὶ στόμα ἀνέωξε τροφῆς πόθῳ.  
προσενεχθῆναι οὖν οἷα<sup>2</sup> εἰκὸς τοῖς τηλικούτοις  
γάλα καὶ κατ' ὀλίγον ἐκτραφῆναι αὐτοὺς, δείγμα  
ἐμοὶ δοκεῖν ἐς θαῦμα τοῦ τεκόντος τούτους. μὴ  
πιστεύειν οὖν τῷ λόγῳ πείσαι ἐμαυτὸν οὐ δύναμαι.  
τὸ δὲ αἴτιον, ἢ τοῦ ἀνδρὸς γλῶττα οὔτε ψεῦδος  
οὔτε κόμπον ἤπιστάτο.

13. Ἦν δὲ ἄρα ὁ λαγὼς καὶ ἀνέμων τε καὶ  
ὥρων ἐπιστήμων· σοφὸν γάρ τι χρῆμα αὐτοῦ,  
† ἀλλ' οὐκ εὖχαρι ὄν,†<sup>3</sup> χειμῶνος οὖν <τόν><sup>4</sup>  
κοῦτον ἐν τοῖς προσηλίοις τίθεται· δηλα γὰρ δὴ  
ὅτι θάλλεται μὲν ἀσμένως, κρύει δὲ ἐχθρῶς ἔχει.  
θέρους δὲ πρὸς ἄρκτον ἀποκλίνει πόθῳ ψύχους.  
τῆς δὲ τῶν ὥρων διαφορᾶς αἱ ρῖνες αὐτῷ γνώμων.  
οὐ μὴν ἐπιμύει καθεύδων ὁ λαγὼς, καὶ τοῦτο  
αὐτῷ ζώων μόνῳ περίεστιν, οὐδὲ νικᾶται τῷ  
ὑπνῷ τὰ βλέφαρα· φασι δὲ αὐτὸν καθεύδειν μὲν  
τῷ σώματι,<sup>5</sup> τοῖς δὲ ὀφθαλμοῖς τηνικάδε ὄραν.  
γράφω δὲ ἅπερ οὖν οἱ σοφοὶ τῶν θηρατῶν λέγουσιν.  
εἰσὶ δὲ αὐτῶν νύκτωρ αἱ νομαί, τοῦτο μὲν καὶ  
τροφῆς ξένης ἐπιθυμία ἴσως, ἐγὼ δ' ἂν φαίην ὅτι  
γυμνασίας ἕνεκα, ἵνα καὶ τηνικάδε ἐπὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ  
ὑπνου καρτερῇ ἐνεργὸς ὦν κρατύνηται τὸ τάχος.  
τῆς δὲ ὁδοῦ τῆς ὀπίσω ἐρᾷ δεινῶς, καὶ συντρόφου  
παντὸς χωρίου ἡττάται· ἔνθεν τοι καὶ ἀλίσκεται

<sup>1</sup> Gron: ἐξέτριψαν.

<sup>2</sup> αὐτοῖς ἦν.

<sup>3</sup> ἀλλ' . . . ὄν corrupt.

by the sun and had spent some time slowly acquiring  
a little heat, they came to themselves and revived,  
and one of them, I suppose, stirred and looked up  
and presently put out its tongue as well and opened  
its mouth in its craving for nourishment. Accord-  
ingly some milk was brought, as was proper for such  
young creatures, and little by little they were reared  
up, to furnish (in my opinion) an astonishing proof  
of their birth by a male. I cannot prevail upon my-  
self to doubt the story, the reason being that the  
narrator's tongue was a stranger to falsehoods and  
exaggeration.

13. It seems that the Hare knows about winds and The Hare  
seasons, for it is a sagacious creature. . . . During the  
winter it makes its bed in sunny spots, for it obviously  
likes to be warm and hates the cold. But in summer-  
time it prefers a northern aspect, wishing to be cool.  
Its nostrils, like a sundial, mark the variation of the  
seasons. The Hare does not close its eyes when  
sleeping: this advantage over other animals it alone  
enjoys and its eyelids are never overcome by slumber.  
They say that it sleeps with its body alone while it  
continues to see with its eyes. (I am only writing  
what experienced hunters say.) Its time for feeding  
is at night, which may be because it desires unfamiliar  
food, though I should say that it was for the sake of  
exercise, in order that, while refraining from sleep all  
this time and full of activity, it may improve its speed.  
But it greatly likes to return to its home and loves  
every spot with which it is familiar. That, you see,

<sup>4</sup> <τόν> add. H.

<sup>5</sup> τοῦ σώματος V, τὸ σῶμα other mss.

τὰ πολλά, <τὰ><sup>1</sup> ἤθη τὰ οἰκεία ἐκλιπεῖν οὐχ ὑπομένων.

14. Θεὶ δὲ ὁ λαγὼς ὑπὸ τε κυνῶν καὶ ἵππέων διωκόμενος, εἰ μὲν ἐκ πεδιάδος γῆς εἴη, ὠκύτερον τῶν ὀρείων λαγῶν, αἶτε μικρὸς τὸ σῶμα καὶ λεπτός· ἔνθεν τοι καὶ κοῦφον αὐτὸν εἶναι οὐκ ἀπείκός. σκιρτᾷ γοῦν τὰ πρῶτα ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς καὶ πηδᾷ, διαδύεται δὲ καὶ διὰ θάμνων ὀλισθηρῶς καὶ εὐκόλως καὶ διὰ παντὸς ἐλώδους τόπου· καὶ εἴ που πόαι βαθεῖαι, καὶ διὰ τούτων διεκπίπτει ραδίως. καὶ ὅπερ τοῖς λέουσί φασι τὴν ἀλκαίαν δύνασθαι πρὸς τὸ ἐγείρειν αὐτοὺς καὶ ἐποτρύνειν, τοῦτό τοι καὶ ἐκείνῳ τὰ ὠτά ἐστί, ῥύμης συνθήματα καὶ ἐγερτήρια δρόμου. ἀνακλίνει γοῦν κατὰ τῶν νώτων αὐτά, κέχρηται δὲ αὐτοῖς πρὸς τὸ μὴ ἐλινύειν μηδὲ ὀκνεῖν οἶον μύωφι. δρόμον δὲ ἓνα καὶ εὐθὺν<sup>2</sup> οὐ θεῖ, δεῦρο δὲ καὶ ἐκεῖσε παρακλίνει, καὶ ἐξελίττει τῇ καὶ τῇ, ἐκπλήττων τοὺς κύνας καὶ ἀπατῶν. ὅποι ποτὲ δ' ἂν ὀρμήσῃ καὶ ἀπονεῦσαι θελήσῃ, κατ' ἐκείνην τὴν ἐκτροπὴν κλίνει τῶν ὠτων τὸ ἕτερον, οἶον ἰθύνων ἑαυτῷ διὰ τούτου τὸν δρόμον. οὐ μὴν ἀναλίσκει τὴν ἑαυτοῦ δύναμιν ἀταμιεύτως, τηρεῖ δὲ τοῦ διώκοντος τὴν ὀρμήν, καὶ ἐὰν μὲν ἦ νωθής, οὐ πᾶν ἀνήκε τὸ ἑαυτοῦ τάχος, ἀλλὰ τι καὶ<sup>3</sup> ἀνέστειλεν, ὥς προεκθεῖν μὲν <τοῦ><sup>4</sup> κυνός, οὐ μὴν ἀπαγορεύσαι ὑπὸ τοῦ συντόνου τοῦ δρόμου αὐτός. οἶδε γὰρ ἀμείνων ὢν, καὶ ὄρᾳ ἐς τὸ μὴ ὑπερπονεῖσθαι οἱ τὸν καιρὸν ὄντα. ἐὰν δὲ καὶ ὁ κύων ἦ ὠκιστος, τηνικαῦτα ὁ λαγὼς φέρεται θέων ἢ ποδῶν ἔχει. ἤδη γοῦν καὶ πολὺ τῆς ὁδοῦ προλαβὼν, καὶ ἀπολιπὼν ἐκ πολλοῦ θηρατὰς καὶ

is why it is generally caught, because it cannot endure to abandon its native haunts.

14. The Hare when pursued by hounds and horsemen runs, if it is a denizen of the plains, swifter than the Mountain Hare, as its body is small and slim. Hence it is not unnatural for it to be nimble. At any rate to begin with it leaps and bounds from the earth and slips through thickets and across marshy ground with ease, and wherever the grass is deep it escapes without difficulty. And just as they say that the tail of the lion can rouse and stimulate it, so it is with the ears of the Hare: they are signals for speed and excite it to run. At any rate it lays them back and uses them as goads to prevent it from lagging and hesitating. But its course is not uniform and straight, but it turns aside now right now left and doubles this way and that, bewildering and deluding the hounds. And in whatever direction it wants to swerve in its course, it droops one ear to that avenue of escape, as though it were steering its course therewith. It does not however squander its powers, but observes the pace of its pursuer; and if he is tardy, it does not put forth its whole strength but keeps itself in check somewhat, enough to outrun the hound but not enough to exhaust itself by intense speed. For it knows that it can run faster and realises that this is not the moment for it to over-exert itself. If however the hound is very swift, then the Hare runs as fast as its feet can carry it. And when at length it has got far ahead and has left hunters, hounds, and horsemen a long way behind,

The Hare  
of the plains

<sup>1</sup> <τὰ> add. Jac.

<sup>3</sup> ἀλλὰ καὶ τι.

<sup>2</sup> ἰθύν.

<sup>4</sup> <τοῦ> add. H.

κύνας καὶ ἵππους, ἐπὶ τινα λόφον ὑψηλὸν ἀναθορῶν καὶ ἑαυτὸν ἀναστήσας ἐπὶ τῶν κατόπιν ποδῶν, οἷον ἀπὸ σκοπίας ὁρᾷ τὴν τῶν διωκόντων ἄμιλλαν, καὶ μοι δοκεῖ ὡς ἀσθενεστέρων καταγελᾶν αὐτῶν. εἶτα ἐκ τούτου θαρρήσας<sup>1</sup> ὡς πλέον ἔχων, οἷον εἰρήνης καὶ γαλήνης λαβόμενος ἀσμένως ἡσυχάζει καὶ κείται καθεύδων. λαγῶς δὲ ὄρειος οὐχ οὕτω ταχύς, ὥσπερ οὖν οἱ τοῖς πεδίοις ἐνοικούντες, εἰ μὴ ποτε ἄρα κακείνοι πεδίον ἔχοιεν ὑποκείμενον, ἐν ᾧ κατιόντες διαθέουσι· καὶ τὸ μὲν ὄρος κατοικοῦσι, γυμνάζονται δὲ ἐνταῦθα, συνθέοντες<sup>2</sup> τοῖς ἐκ τῶν πεδίων πολλάκις.<sup>3</sup> φιλεῖ γοῦν ἐν μὲν τοῖς πεδίοις αὐτοὺς διώκεσθαι, καὶ τὰ μὲν ὑποκινεῖν, τὰ δὲ ὑπολανθάνειν, εἰτα ἐκ τῆς συνήθους διώξεως ἀνισταμένους ὑπεκφυγεῖν οὐδὲ εἰς.<sup>4</sup> ἐπὰν δὲ ᾧσιν ὁμοῦ τῷ ἀλίσκεσθαι, τῆς πεδιάδος ὁδοῦ βραχὺ ἀποκλίναντες ἐς τὰ ἀνάντη καὶ ὄρεια ἀνέθορον, ἅτε ἐς οἰκεία ἦθι καὶ ἐννομά<sup>5</sup> σφισι σπεύδοντες, καὶ τοῦτον τὸν τρόπον ἀπιόντες οἴχονται, ἀδοκήτου<sup>6</sup> σωτηρίας τυχόντες· ὄρειβασίαι γὰρ καὶ ἵπποις καὶ κυσὶν ἐχθραὶ πεφύκασιν, ἀπαγορευόντων αὐτοῖς τῶν ποδῶν καὶ ἐκτριβομένων ῥᾶστα. κυνῶν δὲ ἔτι<sup>7</sup> καὶ μᾶλλον ἄπτεται τὸ πάθος· σαρκώδεις γὰρ αὐτῶν εἰσιν οἱ πόδες, καὶ ἔχουσιν οὐδὲν πρὸς τὴν πέτραν ἀντίτυπον, ὡς ἵπποι τὴν ὀπλήν. ὁ δὲ λαγῶς τοῦναντίον, πέφυκε γὰρ δασὺς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ δὴ καὶ τῶν τραχέων ἀνέχεται.

<sup>1</sup> θαρρήσας.<sup>2</sup> Jac: ἐνθεν τοι.<sup>3</sup> H marks a lacuna here.<sup>4</sup> φιλεῖ γοῦν . . . οὐδέις? interpolation, Ed.<sup>5</sup> τὰ ἐννομα.

it races up some high hill and sitting up on its hind legs surveys as from a watch-tower the efforts of its pursuers and, as I think, laughs at them for being feebler than itself. Then emboldened by the advantage it has gained, like one who has achieved peace and calm, it is glad to rest and lies down to sleep.

The Mountain Hares, however, are not so swift as those that live in the plains, unless indeed the former also have plain-land lying below into which they can descend and run about. Though their home is on a mountain they exercise themselves in the plain, often running about with the Hares there. The usual thing when they are pursued in the plain is for them to start up and to lie hid by turns, but since they are constantly forced out, not one escapes.<sup>a</sup> But when they are on the point of being caught they change suddenly their direction over the plain and dart uphill into the mountains, speeding of course to their native haunts, their proper domain; and in this way they escape and are gone, reaching unexpected safety, for horses and hounds dislike going up mountains, since their feet give out and are very quickly worn down, while hounds suffer even worse, their paws being fleshy and having nothing to resist the rocks, as horses have their hooves. The Hare on the contrary has naturally hairy paws and is quite content with rough ground.

The Hare  
of the  
mountains

<sup>a</sup> The strange syntax of this sentence and the fact that the words 'not one escapes' are contradicted in the sequel suggest that the sentence is an interpolation.

<sup>6</sup> καὶ ἀδοκήτου.<sup>7</sup> Ges: ὅτι.

ὄτῳ δέ εἰσι λαγῶν<sup>1</sup> ἐν τοῖς δάσεσι καὶ ἐν τοῖς  
θάμνοις διατριβαί, νωθεῖς μὲν οὗτοι ἐς τὸν δρόμον,  
βραδεῖς δὲ ἐς τὴν φυγὴν· πεπιασμένοι<sup>2</sup> γὰρ οἱ  
τοιούδῃ εἰσὶ καὶ ὑπὸ τῆς ἀργίας οὐχὶ ἡθάδες τοῦ  
δρόμου, ἥκιστοί τε ὥς ὅτι πορρωτάτω τῶν  
θάμνων ἀποφοιτᾶν. θῆραι δὲ<sup>3</sup> τούτων τοιαῖδε.  
τὰ μὲν πρῶτα διαδύονται διὰ τῶν θάμνων τῶν  
μικρῶν, ὅσοις μὴ συνεχῆς ἡ λόχμη, τοὺς γε μὴν  
δασυτέρους αὐτῶν, αἵτε μὴ οἰοί τε ὄντες ὑπέλθειν,  
εἰκότως ὑπερπηδῶσι. πεφύκασιν δὲ ἄλλοι<sup>4</sup> συν-  
εχεῖς καὶ δι' ἀλλήλων <συννυφασμένοι>.<sup>5</sup> ὅπου  
οὖν τοιούτοι, αἵτε<sup>6</sup> πολλάκις ἀναγκαζόμενοι τοῦτο  
δρᾶν ὁ λαγῶς, καὶ διὰ τὴν βαρύτητα τὴν τοῦ  
σώματος οὐκ ὦν ἀλτικός, κάμνει ῥᾶστα καὶ  
ἀπαγορεύει. αἱ γε μὴν κύνες τὰ πρῶτα σφάλ-  
λονται τε αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀμαρτάνουσιν· οὐ γὰρ ὁρῶσιν  
αὐτὸν διὰ τὴν τῆς ὕλης πυκνότητα, πηδῶσι δὲ καὶ  
αὐταὶ κατὰ τῶν θάμνων ὑπὸ τῆς ὁσμῆς ἀγόμεναι·  
τελευτῶσαι γε μὴν εἶδον καὶ διώκουσι καὶ ἐνδιδοῦ-  
σιν οὐδὲ ἓν, ὃ δὲ ἐκ τῆς τοῦ πηδᾶν συνεχείας  
κάμνει τε καὶ ἀπαγορεύει καὶ ἐντεῦθεν ἐάλασκε.  
τὰ δὲ ἀνάντη μὲν καὶ ὑψηλὰ οἱ λαγῶ ἀναθέουσι  
ῥᾶστα· τὰ γάρ τοι κατόπιν κῶλα μακρότερα  
ἔχουσι τῶν ἔμπροσθεν· καταθέουσι δ' οὐχ ὁμοίως·  
λυπεῖ γὰρ αὐτοὺς τῶν ποδῶν τὸ ἐναντίον.

15. Πέφυκε δὲ καὶ λαγῶς ἕτερος μικρὸς τὴν  
φύσιν, οὐδὲ αὔξεται ποτε· κόνικλος ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.  
οὐκ εἰμι δὲ ποιητῆς ὀνομάτων, ὅθεν καὶ ἐν  
<τῇδε><sup>7</sup> τῇ συγγραφῇ φυλάττω τὴν ἐπωνυμίαν

<sup>1</sup> λαγῶ αἱ τε.

<sup>3</sup> δὲ καί.

<sup>2</sup> Ges: πεπιασμένοι.

<sup>4</sup> οὗτοι.

All Hares that live among thickets and bushes are sluggish runners and slow to flee, for such animals have grown plump and from sloth are not habituated to running and are quite incapable of going a long distance from their thickets. The method of hunting them is as follows. To begin with these Hares slip through the little bushes of which the foliage is not a solid mass, but where it is denser they naturally leap over them as they cannot get beneath them. But other bushes grow in a solid mass with their branches interlaced. So where the bushes are of this nature the Hare is constantly obliged to do this, and since the weight of its body does not dispose it to be good at jumping, it very soon tires and gives up. At first the hounds are baffled and lose the track, for owing to the thickness of the wood they fail to see the quarry; but they too leap over the bushes and are led by the scent. Finally however they catch sight of it and are after it, never pausing for a moment, whereas the Hare exhausted by the continual leaping gives up and so is caught.

Hares run up steep, high ground with the utmost ease, for their hind legs are longer than the front ones. They run down less easily, for the shortness of their front legs is a handicap to them.

15. There is also another kind of Hare, small by nature, and it never grows larger. It is called a Rabbit. I am no inventor of names, which is the reason why in this account I preserve the original

<sup>5</sup> <συννυφασμένοι> add. H, cp. 13. 8 κλάδοι δι' ἀ. σ.

<sup>6</sup> ὅπου τοιούτοι αἵτε οὖν.

<sup>7</sup> <τῇδε> add. H.

τὴν ἐξ ἀρχῆς, ἣν περ οὖν Ἰβηρες <οἱ><sup>1</sup> Ἑσπέριοι  
ἔθεντό οἱ, παρ' οἷς<sup>2</sup> καὶ γίνεται τε καὶ ἔστι  
πάμπολυς. τούτῳ τοῖνυν ἡ μὲν χροὰ παρὰ τοὺς  
ἐτέρους μέλαινα, καὶ ὀλίγην ἔχει τὴν οὐράν, τὰ  
γε μὴν λοιπὰ τοῖς προειρημένοις ἰδεῖν ἐμφερὲς  
ἔστι. διαλλάττει δὲ ἔτι καὶ τὸ τῆς κεφαλῆς  
μέγεθος· λεπτοτέρα γὰρ ἡ τούτου καὶ δεινῶς  
ἄσαρκος καὶ βραχυτέρα.<sup>3</sup> λαγνότερος<sup>4</sup> δὲ τῶν  
λοιπῶν· ἴλασαρὰ διετησίους φύσει,<sup>†</sup><sup>5</sup> ὧν  
οἰστρεύεται τε καὶ ἐκμαίνεται, ὅταν ἐπὶ τὰς θηλείας  
ἔττη. [ἔστι δὲ καὶ ἐλάφῳ<sup>6</sup> ὅσπου ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ  
αὐτοῦ,<sup>7</sup> ὅπερ οὖν τίνος ἀγαθὸν εἶδέναι μελήσει  
ἄλλῳ.]

16. Τὴν τῶν θύνων θήραν Ἰταλοί τε καὶ  
Σικελοὶ κητεῖαν<sup>8</sup> φιλοῦσιν ὀνομάζειν· τὰ τε χωρία,  
ἐνθα αὐτοῖς εἴωθε θησαυρίζεσθαι τὰ τε δίκτυα τὰ  
μεγάλα καὶ ἡ λοιπὴ παρασκευὴ ἡ θηρατικὴ,  
καλεῖται μέντοι κητοθηρεῖα,<sup>9</sup> τοῦ θύνου τὸ  
μέγεθος ἐς τὰ κήτη βουλομένων τὸ λοιπὸν ἀποκρί-  
νειν. ἀκούω δὲ Κελτοὺς καὶ Μασσαλιώτας καὶ τὸ  
Λιγυστικὸν πᾶν ἀγκίστροις τοὺς θύνους θηρᾶν·  
εἴη δ' ἂν ταῦτα ἐκ σιδήρου μὲν πεποιημένα,  
μέγιστα δὲ καὶ παχέα ἰδεῖν. καὶ τὰ γε ὑπὲρ τῶν  
θύνων νῦν πρὸς τοῖς ἤδη προειρημένοις τοσαῦτα  
ἔστω μοι.

17. Περὶ τὰς καλουμένας νήσους Τυρρηνικὰς  
θηρῶσιν οἱ κατὰ τὴν ἀλιεῖαν ἔχοντες τὸν ἐκείθι

<sup>1</sup> <οἱ> add. Ges. <sup>2</sup> Schm: πάρος.

<sup>3</sup> βραχυτέρα δηλονότι κατὰ τὸ πᾶν σῶμα.

<sup>4</sup> Jac: λευκότερος MSS, H.

name given to it by the Iberians of the west in whose  
country the Rabbit is produced in great numbers.  
Its colour compared with that of hares is dark; it has  
a small tail, but in other respects it is like them. A  
further difference is in the size of its head, for it  
is smaller and curiously scant of flesh and shorter.  
But it is more lustful than the hare . . .<sup>a</sup> which cause  
it to go raving mad when it goes after the female.  
[The stag also has a bone in its heart, and someone  
else shall make it his business to discover what  
purpose it serves.]<sup>b</sup>

16. The pursuit of the Tunny is commonly <sup>Fishing for Tunny</sup>  
designated as 'big fishing' by the people of Italy  
and Sicily, and the places in which they are in the  
habit of storing their huge nets and other fishing  
gear are called 'big-fishing tackle stores,' for they  
wish henceforward to segregate the huge Tunny  
into the class of 'big fishes.' And I learn that the  
Celts and the people of Massalia and all those in  
Liguria catch Tunny with hooks; but these must be  
made of iron and of great size and stout. So much  
then for Tunnies in addition to what I have already  
said earlier on.

17. Those who are in the habit of fishing round the <sup>The</sup>  
Tyrrenian islands,<sup>c</sup> as they are called, hunt a <sup>'Aulopias'</sup>  
fish

<sup>a</sup> The Greek is corrupt. Accepting Post's conjecture,  
render: 'It is by nature incontinent throughout the year.'

<sup>b</sup> The sentence is out of place here.

<sup>c</sup> The 'Aeoliae Insulae' (modern Lipari isl.) off the N coast  
of Sicily.

<sup>5</sup> ἴλασαρὰ . . . φύσει corrupt: λαίσθα διετήσιος Post.

<sup>6</sup> καὶ ἐλάφῳ del. H.

<sup>7</sup> αὐτῷ.

<sup>8</sup> κητεῖαν.

<sup>9</sup> Jac: κητοθηρεῖα.

κητώδη ἰχθύν, καὶ καλοῦσιν αὐτὸν αὐλωπίαν, καὶ περιηγήσασθαι γε τούτου τὰ ἴδια οὐ χεῖρόν ἐστι. μέγεθος μὲν ἡττάται τῶν μεγίστων θύνων ὁ μέγιστος αὐλωπίας, ῥώμην δὲ καὶ ἀλκὴν τὰ πρῶτα φέροντο ἂν πρὸς ἐκείνους ἀντικρινόμενος. ἄλκιμον μὲν γὰρ ἰχθύων φύλόν ἐστι καὶ οἱ θύννοι, ἀλλὰ τῷ παραταξαμένῳ καὶ προθύμως ἀνταγωνισαμένῳ μετὰ τὴν πρώτην ὁρμὴν ἀφίσταται τοῦ κράτους τοῦ αἵματος αὐτῷ πηγνυμένοι, <καὶ><sup>1</sup> παρειμένος ὥκιστα εἴτα ἐάλω. διακαρτερεῖ γε μὴν ὁ αὐλωπίας ἐπὶ μακρόν, ὅταν ἐπίθηταί οἱ κατὰ τὸ καρτερόν, καὶ ὡς πρὸς ἀντίπαλον ἀνθίσταται<sup>2</sup> τὸν ἀλιέα, καὶ κρατεῖ τὰ πλείστα,<sup>3</sup> ἐπὶ<sup>4</sup> μᾶλλον ἐαυτὸν πιέσας καὶ κάτω νέυσας τὴν κεφαλὴν καὶ ὠθήσας κατὰ τοῦ βυθοῦ. πέφυκέν τε τὴν γένυν ἰσχυρὸς καὶ τὸν αὐχένα καρτερός, καὶ ῥώμης ἔχει κάλλιστα. ὅταν δὲ αἰρεθῇ, ἰδεῖν ὠραιότατός ἐστι, τοὺς μὲν ὀφθαλμοὺς ἔχων ἀνεώγους καὶ περιφερεῖς καὶ μεγάλους, οἷους Ὅμηρος τοὺς τῶν βοῶν ἄδει· ἡ δὲ γένυς, ὥσπερ οὖν εἶπον, καρτερά οὖσα, ὅμως καὶ ἐς ὠραν οἱ συμμάχεται. καὶ τὰ μὲν νῶτα αὐτῷ<sup>5</sup> κυάνου μεμίμηται χροάν τοῦ βαθυτάτου,<sup>6</sup> ὑπέζωσταί γε μὴν<sup>7</sup> λευκὴν τὴν νηδύν· ἄρχεται δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς κεφαλῆς αὐτῷ γραμμὴ χρυσαῖτις τὴν χροάν, κατιοῦσα δὲ ἐς τὸ οὐραῖον μέρος ἀπολήγει ἐς κύκλον. εἰπεῖν δὲ καὶ τὴν δολερὰν ἐπ' αὐτοῖς θήραν, ἥνπερ οὖν ἀκούσας οἶδα, ἐθέλω· προελόμενοι χώρους ἐκ πολλοῦ, ἐς οὓς ἀθροίζεσθαι τοὺς αὐλωπίας ὑπολαμβάνουσιν, εἴτα μέντοι κορα-

<sup>1</sup> <καὶ> add. H.<sup>2</sup> ἰστάται.<sup>3</sup> πλείστα καί.

gigantic fish which they call the *Aulopias*, and it is worth while to describe its characteristics. In the matter of size the largest *Aulopias* yields to the largest Tunnies, but if matched against them it would take the prize for strength and courage. True, the Tunny also is a powerful species of fish, but after its first onset against its adversary and vigorous opponent<sup>a</sup> it forgoes its strength, and as its blood congeals, it very soon surrenders and is then caught. The *Aulopias* on the contrary carries on the struggle for a long time when it is attacked with vigour, and withstands the fisherman as it would an adversary, and on most occasions gets the better of him by gathering itself together, bowing its head, and thrusting down into the depths; it has a forceful jaw and a powerful neck and is exceedingly strong. But when it is captured it is a most beautiful sight: it has wide open eyes, round and large, such eyes as Homer sings of in oxen.<sup>b</sup> And the jaw, though powerful, as I remarked, contributes to its beauty. Its back is like the colour of the deepest lapis lazuli, its belly underneath is white. A stripe of a golden hue starts at the head and descending to the region of the tail ends in a circle.

I wish to speak also of the artifices employed in how caught hunting it which I remember to have heard. The fishermen previously select spots from a large area where they suppose the *Aulopias* to be congregating

<sup>a</sup> I.e. the fisherman.<sup>b</sup> βοῶπις is a frequent epithet of Hera in Homer's *Iliad*.<sup>4</sup> Reiske: ἔτι.<sup>5</sup> αὐτοῦ.<sup>6</sup> τὴν βαθυτάτην.<sup>7</sup> γε μὴν] μὲν.

κίνους ταῖς ὑποχαῖς πολλοὺς συλλαβόντες, τὴν ἑαυτῶν ἄκατον ἐπ' ἀγκυρῶν ὀρμίσαντες καὶ συνεχῶς κτύπον τινὰ ὑποδρῶντες διατείνουσι τοὺς κορακίνοὺς ἄμμασι <sup>1</sup> σφηκοῦντες. οἱ δὲ ἀκούοντες τοῦ κτύπου καὶ τὸ δέλεαρ ὀρῶντες ἄλλος ἀλλαχόθεν ἀνανέουσι <sup>2</sup> καὶ ἀθροίζονται καὶ περιέρχονται τὴν ἀλιάδα, πραῦνονταί τε ἐς τοσοῦτον τῷ κρότῳ καὶ <τῷ> <sup>3</sup> πλήθει τῆς τροφῆς, ὥς καὶ προτεινόντων τὰς χεῖρας παραμένειν. ἀνέχονται δὲ ἀνθρωπίνης ἐπιβαύσεως, ὥς μὲν κρίνειν ἐμέ, τῇ βορᾷ δεδουλωμένοι, ἤδη δέ, ὥς οἱ θηρατικοὶ φασί, καὶ τῇ ἀλκῇ <sup>4</sup> <θαρροῦντες> <sup>5</sup> εἰσὶ δὲ ἐν αὐτοῖς καὶ χειροθήεις, οὗσπερ οὖν οἱ ἀλιεῖς ὥς εὐεργέτας καὶ ἐταίρους γνωρίζουσιν, εἰτα μέντοι τὰ πρὸς αὐτοὺς ἔχουσιν ἔνσπονδα. ἐπονται δὲ τούτοις οἷον ἡγεμόσι καὶ ἄλλοι ξένοι, καὶ τούτους μὲν ὥς ἂν εἴποι τις ἐπήλυδας καὶ θηρῶσι καὶ ἀποκτείνουσι, πρὸς γέ μὴν τοὺς τιθασοὺς, οἵπερ οὖν <sup>6</sup> εἰκόσιν ταῖς παλευτρίαις πελειάσιν, ἀθηρία τε αὐτοῖς ἔστι καὶ ἐκεχειρία. οὐδ' ἂν ἀλιέα σοφὸν τοσαύτη ποτὲ καταλάβοι ἀπορία, ὥς ἐξ ἐπιβουλῆς ἐλεῖν αὐλωπίαν ἡμερον· ἐκ γάρ τινων αἰτιῶν αἰρεθεῖς κατὰ τύχην καὶ λυπεῖ. ἀλίσκεται δὲ ἡ ἀγκίστρῳ <sup>7</sup> περιπαρεῖς ἢ τρωθεῖς ἐς θάνατον. ὀρῶμεν δὲ καὶ τοὺς ὀρνιθοθήρας μὴ ἂν τῶν ἐλλοχώντων ὀρνίθων ἀποκτείναντάς τινας ἢ ἐπὶ πράσει ἢ ἐπὶ δείπῳ. καὶ ἄλλαι δὲ θῆραι τῶνδε τῶν ἰχθύων εἰσίν.

<sup>1</sup> ἄμα.

<sup>2</sup> Schn.: ἀνανέουσι.

<sup>3</sup> <τῷ> add. H.

<sup>4</sup> τῷ πλήθει τῆς ἀλκῆς.

<sup>5</sup> <θαρροῦντες> add. Schn.

and after catching a number of Crow-fish <sup>a</sup> in their bag-nets <sup>b</sup> they anchor their boat and maintain a continuous din; the Crow-fish they make fast in a noose and let out on a line. Meanwhile the Aulopias hearing the din and observing the bait, come swimming up from all sides and congregate and circle about the boat. And the din and the quantity of food have such a soothing effect upon them that, even though men reach out their hands, they remain and submit to the human touch because, as I judge, they are slaves to food, and in fact, as their pursuers maintain, because their strength gives them confidence. There are also tame ones among them which the fishermen recognize as their benefactors and comrades, so with them they maintain a truce. And other strange fishes follow them like leaders, and these aliens, as one might call them, the men hunt and kill, but the tame fish, which may be likened to decoy-doves, they do not hunt but spare, nor would any prudent fisherman ever be reduced to such straits as to catch a tame Aulopias deliberately, for if by some mischance one happens to be caught it brings trouble. The fish is captured either by being pierced with a hook or by being mortally wounded.

We see bird-catchers also abstaining from killing birds that decoy others, whether for sale or for the table. There are other methods besides of catching these fish.

<sup>a</sup> Not certainly identified, but may be *Chromis castanea*; not identical with the Danubian fish of 14. 23 and 26.

<sup>b</sup> See A. W. Mair, *Oppian &c.* (Loeb Cl. Lib.), pp. xl ff.

<sup>6</sup> οἵπερ οὖν] οἱ γε μὴν.

<sup>7</sup> τῷ ἀγκίστρῳ.



18. Ἐν δὲ τοῖς βασιλείοις τοῖς Ἰνδικοῖς, ἔνθα ὁ μέγιστος τῶν βασιλέων διατᾶται τῶν ἐκεῖθι, πολλὰ μὲν καὶ ἄλλα ἐστὶ θαυμάσαι ἄξια, ὥς μὴ αὐτοῖς ἀντικρίνειν μήτε τὰ Μεμνόνεια<sup>1</sup> Σοῦσα καὶ τὴν ἐν αὐτοῖς πολυτέλειαν μήτε τὴν ἐν τοῖς Ἐκβατάνοις μεγαλουργίαν· εἴκει<sup>2</sup> γὰρ κόμπους εἶναι Περσικὸς ἐκεῖνα, εἰ πρὸς ταῦτα ἐξετάζοιτο. καὶ τὰ λοιπὰ μὲν περιελθεῖν τῷ λόγῳ οὐ τῆσδε τῆς συγγραφῆς ἐστίν, ἐν δὲ τοῖς παραδείσοις τρέφονται μὲν καὶ ταῶς ἡμεροὶ καὶ χειροθήβεις φασιανοί, ἔχουσι δὲ . . .<sup>3</sup> ἐν τοῖς φυτοῖς τοῖς ἡσκημένοις, ἅπερ οὖν οἱ μελεδωνοὶ οἱ βασιλῆιοι τῆς δεούσης ἀξιοῦσι κομιδῆς. καὶ γὰρ εἰσιν ἄλση σκιερὰ καὶ νομὴ σύμφυτος καὶ κλάδοι δι' ἀλλήλων συνυφασμένοι σοφία τιμὴ δένδροκομικῇ· καὶ τὸ σεμνότερόν τῆς ὥρας τῆς ἐκεῖθι, τὰ δένδρα αὐτὰ τῶν αἰθαλῶν ἐστὶ, καὶ οὐποτε γηρὰ καὶ ἀπορρεῖ τὰ φύλλα· καὶ τὰ μὲν ἐπιχώριά ἐστι, τὰ δὲ ἀλλαχόθεν σὺν πολλῇ κομισθέντα τῇ φροντίδι, ἅπερ οὖν κοσμεῖ τὸν χώρον καὶ ἀγλαΐαν δίδωσι, πλην ἐλαίας· οὐ γὰρ αὐτὴν ἡ Ἰνδῶν φέρει, οὔτε αὐτή, οὔτε ἤκουσαν ἀλλαχόθεν τρέφει. ὄρνιθες οὖν καὶ ἕτεροι ἐλεύθεροι καὶ ἀδούλωτοι, καὶ ἐλθόντες αὐτομάτως ἔχουσι κατ' αὐτῶν κοίτας καὶ εὐνάς· ἐνταῦθά τοι καὶ οἱ ψιττακοὶ τρέφονται καὶ εἰλοῦνται περὶ τῷ βασιλεῖ. σιτεύεται δὲ Ἰνδῶν οὐδὲ εἰς ψιττακόν, καίτοι παμπόλλων ὄντων τὸ πλῆθος· τὸ δὲ αἴτιον,<sup>4</sup> ἱεροὺς αὐτοὺς εἶναι πεπιοτεύκασιν οἱ Βραχμῆνες, καὶ μέντοι καὶ τῶν ὄρνιθων ἀπάντων προτιμῶσι. καὶ ἐπιλέγουσι δρᾶν τοῦτο εἰκότως· μόνον γὰρ

<sup>1</sup> Μεμνόνια.<sup>2</sup> εἴκεισι.

18. In the royal residences in India where the greatest of the kings of that country lives, there are so many objects for admiration that neither Memnon's city of Susa with all its extravagance, nor the magnificence of Ecbatana is to be compared with them. (These places appear to be the pride of Persia, if there is to be any comparison between the two countries.) The remaining splendours it is not the purpose of this narrative to detail; but in the parks tame peacocks and pheasants are kept, and they <live> in the cultivated shrubs to which the royal gardeners pay due attention. Moreover there are shady groves and herbage growing among them, and the boughs are interwoven by the woodman's art. And what is more remarkable about the climate of the country, the actual trees are of the evergreen type, and their leaves never grow old and fall: some of them are indigenous, others have been imported from abroad after careful consideration. And these, the olive alone excepted, are an ornament to the place and enhance its beauty. India does not bear the olive of its own accord, nor if it comes from elsewhere, does it foster its growth.

Well, there are other birds besides, free and unenslaved, which come of their own accord and make their beds and resting-places in these trees. There too Parrots are kept and crowd around the king. But no Indian eats a Parrot in spite of their great numbers, the reason being that the Brahmins regard them as sacred and even place them above all other birds. And they add that they are justified in so

The royal parks of India and their birds

The Parrot

<sup>3</sup> Lacuna: <τὰ ἡθη> or <τὰς διατριβάς> H, <δίαιταν> Schm.<sup>4</sup> αἴτιον δέ.

τὸν ψιττακὸν ἀνθρώπου· στόμα εὐστομώτατα ὑποκρίεσθαι. εἰσὶ δὲ ἄρα ἐν τοῖσδε τοῖς βασιλείοις καὶ λίμναι χειροποίητοι ὠραῖαι, καὶ ἰχθύας ἔχουσι μεγέθει μεγίστους καὶ πραεῖς· καὶ θηρᾷ αὐτοὺς<sup>1</sup> οὐδεὶς ὅτι μὴ οἱ τοῦ βασιλέως νιεῖς παῖδες ἔτι ὄντες, ἐν ἀκλύστῳ καὶ ἡκιστα ἐπικινδύνῳ τῷ ὕδατι ἀλιεύνοντες τε καὶ παίζοντες καὶ ἅμα καὶ πλεῖν<sup>2</sup> μανθάνοντες.

19. Ἐν τῷ Ἰονίῳ πελάγει κατὰ τὸν Λευκάτῃν καὶ τὴν πρὸς τῷ Ἀκτίῳ θάλατταν, ἔνθα τοι καὶ τὸν χώρον καλοῦσιν Ἡπειρον, κεφάλων εἰσὶ κατὰ ἴλας ὡς ἂν εἴποι τις ἄφθονοι νήξεις καὶ πλήθη πάμπολλα. οὐκοῦν θηρῶνται καὶ μάλα ἐκπληκτικῶς· ὁ δὲ τρόπος τῆς θήρας οὗτός ἐστι. νύκτα ἀσέληνον οἱ ἐκεῖθι ἀλιεῖς παραφυλάξαντες, ἀπὸ δειπνου γενόμενοι κατὰ δύο ἀπήραν<sup>3</sup> σκάφος, οὐκ ὄντος κύματος ἀλλὰ ἀκλύστου καὶ γαληναίας τῆς θαλάττης, εἴτα ἡσυχῇ καὶ κατὰ μικρὰ προερέττουσι.<sup>4</sup> καὶ ὁ μὲν αὐτὴν ὑποκινεῖ τῷ κωπῇ, προάγων τὴν πορθμίδα βάδην ὡς ἂν εἴποις· ἄτερος δὲ κατακλινεῖς ἐπ' ἀγκῶνος τοῦ καθ' ἑαυτὸν μέρος ἐπιβρίθει τῆς πορθμίδος, καὶ ἐς τοσοῦτον ἐπικλίνει, ἐς ὅσον<sup>5</sup> τὸ χεῖλος αὐτῆς προσπελάζει τῷ ὕδατι. οἱ κεφαλοὶ δὲ καὶ οἱ τούτοις ὁμοειδεῖς κεστρεῖς,<sup>6</sup> ἥτοι τῇ νυκτὶ τερπόμενοι ἢ χαίροντες τῇ γαλήνῃ, τοὺς μὲν χηραμοὺς τοὺς ἑαυτῶν καὶ τοὺς φωλεοὺς ἀπολείπουσιν, ἀνάνεουσι δέ, καὶ τὰ ἄκρα γε τοῦ προσώπου ὑπὲρ τὸ ὕδωρ φαίνουσι, καὶ τοσοῦτον τῆς ἐς τὸ ἄνω<sup>7</sup> νήξεως ἐπιλαμβάνουσι,

<sup>1</sup> αὐτῶν.<sup>2</sup> νεῖν Cobet.

doing, for the Parrot is the only bird that gives the most convincing imitation of human speech. There are also in these royal domains beautiful lakes, the work of man's hands, which contain fish of immense size and tame. And nobody hunts them, only the king's sons during their childhood; and in calm waters, quite free from danger, they fish and sport and even learn the art of sailing as well.

19. In the Ionian sea off Leucas<sup>a</sup> and in the waters round Actium (the country there they call Epirus) Mullet abound, swimming, so to say, in companies and vast multitudes. These fish are hunted, and in a most astounding manner. The method is as follows. The local fishermen watch for a moonless night and after supper pair off and launch a skiff while there is neither wave nor swell but the sea is calm, and then row forward quietly by slow degrees. One of the men gently agitates the water with his oar, propelling the boat step by step, so to speak, while the other propped on his elbow weighs down his end of the boat, depressing it until the gunwale is nearly at the water-level. And the Mullet and others of their kind,<sup>b</sup> either because they enjoy the night or because they delight in the calm, quit their holes and lairs, swim up, and show the tip of their head above the water and are so occupied in swimming to the surface that they draw near to the

<sup>a</sup> Promontory at the S end of the island of Leucas.<sup>b</sup> κεφαλός and κεστρεὺς both signify the Grey Mullet; see Thompson, *Gk. fishes*, s.vv.<sup>3</sup> Ges: ἐπήραν.<sup>4</sup> Reiscke: προσερέττουσι.<sup>5</sup> ἐς ἄκρον ὅσον.<sup>6</sup> Ges: κεστρεῖς.<sup>7</sup> ἐς τὸ ἄνω τῆς.

καὶ γίνονται τῆς ἡόνος πλησιον. θεασάμενοι δὲ οἱ θηραταὶ πλέουσι, καὶ τὸ ρόθιον γε τῆς πορθμίδος ἡσυχῇ πως<sup>1</sup> ὑποκυμαίνεω ἀρχεται. φεύγοντες οὖν τὴν γῆν καὶ ὑποστρέφοντες ἐς<sup>2</sup> τὸ ἐπικλινὲς τῆς ἀκάτου σφῆς αὐτοὺς ὑπὸ πλήθους ὠθοῦσι,<sup>3</sup> καὶ ἔσω παρελθόντες ἐαλώκασι.

20. Τῶν δὲ κητῶν τὰ ὑπέρογκα ἄγαν καὶ τὸ μέγεθος υπερήφανα νήχεται μὲν ἐν τοῖς πελάγεσι μέσοις, ἤδη γε μὴν καὶ σκηπτοῖς βάλλεται. πρὸς τούτοις μὲν οὖν ἔστι καὶ ἕτερα ἐπάκτια<sup>4</sup> τοιαῦτα, καὶ ὄνομα τροχὸς αὐτοῖς. καὶ νεῖ<sup>5</sup> κατ' ἀγέλας ταῦτα, μάλιστα μὲν ἐν δεξιᾷ τοῦ Ἰθω τοῦ Ὀρακίου, ἐν τε<sup>6</sup> τοῖς κόλποις τῷ ἀπὸ Σιγείου πλέοντι,<sup>7</sup> ἐντυχῶν δὲ ἔστιν αὐτοῖς καὶ κατὰ τὴν ἀντιπέραν<sup>8</sup> ἡπειρον παρά τε τὸν Ἀρταχάειον<sup>9</sup> καλούμενον τάφον καὶ τὸν Ἀκάνθιον<sup>10</sup> ἰσθμόν, ἐνθα τοι καὶ ἡ τοῦ Πέρσου φαίνεται διατομή, ἣ διέτεμε τὸν Ἰθω. τὰ κήτη δὲ ταῦτα, ἃ καλοῦσι τροχούς, ἄλκιμα μὲν οὐ φασι εἶναι, λοφίαν δὲ ὑποφαίνει καὶ ἀκάνθας ὑπερμήκει, ὥς καὶ πολλάκις ὁρᾶσθαι ἐξάλους αὐτάς. ἀκούσαντα δὲ εἰρεσίας κτύπον περιστρέφεται τε καὶ κατελεῖται ὥς ὅτι κατωτάτω ἑαυτὰ ὠθοῦντα· ἔνθεν τοι καὶ τοῦδε τοῦ ὀνόματος μετελήχεν. ἀναπλεῖ δὲ ἀνελιχθέντα καὶ κυλιόμενα ἔμπαλιν.

<sup>1</sup> Ges: ὅπως.

<sup>2</sup> ἀνε δικτύων εἰς.

<sup>3</sup> Reiske: ὑποπλήθους.

<sup>4</sup> ἔστι . . . ἐπάκτια] Jac: καὶ ὅσα ἕτερα σπάνια MSS, H.

<sup>5</sup> Ges: ἐνι.

<sup>6</sup> Gow: γε MSS, H.

<sup>7</sup> τῷ . . . πλέοντι] Jac: τοῦ . . . πλέοντα MSS, H.

<sup>8</sup> ἀντιπέραν.

<sup>9</sup> Voss: Ἀρτακαίου.

<sup>10</sup> Voss: Ἀκανθαῖον.

shore. So the fishermen, observing this, begin to sail, and the rush of the boat starts a gentle ripple. Therefore the fish in fleeing from the shore turn and owing to their numbers jostle one another into the portion of the boat sloping toward them, and once inside are caught.

20. Sea-monsters of excessive bulk and of prodigious size swim in mid-ocean, and are at times struck by lightning. Besides these there are others of the same kind that come close to the shore, and their name is *Trochus* (wheel).<sup>a</sup> These swim in droves, especially on the right side of Thracian Athos and in the bays as one sails from Sigeum, and one may encounter them along the mainland opposite, close to what is called the Tomb of Artachaeus<sup>b</sup> and the isthmus of Acanthus where the canal which the Persian King cut through Athos is to be seen. And they say that these monsters which they call *Trochus* are timid, though they expose their crest and spines of enormous length so that they are often seen above the water. But at the sound of oars they revolve and contract and plunge as deep as they can go. It is from this, you see, that they derive their name. And again they uncoil and with a rolling motion swim up to the surface.

<sup>a</sup> E. de Saint-Denis, *Vocabulaire des animaux marins en latin* s.v. *Rota*: 'monstre indéterminé . . . le fabuleux et le réel s'embrouillent . . . dans les descriptions de Plin [9. 8] et d'Élien.'

<sup>b</sup> Persian general who superintended the construction of Xerxes's canal through the promontory of Athos; see Hdt. 7. 117. His 'Tomb' has not been certainly identified.

21. Τριτώνων περί σαφῆ μὲν λόγον καὶ ἀπόδειξιν ἰσχυρὰν οὐ μάλα τί φασιν εἰπεῖν ἔχειν τοὺς ἀλιεῖας· λέγει <sup>1</sup> δ' οὖν φήμη διαρρέουσα ναὶ μὰ Δία πολλή <sup>2</sup> γίνεσθαι τινα ἐν τῇ θαλάττῃ κήτη ἀνθρωπόμορφα τὰ ἀπὸ κεφαλῆς ὅσα ἐς ἱξὺν λήγει. λέγει δὲ Δημόστρατος ἐν λόγοις ἀλιευτικοῖς ἐν Τανάγρα θεάσασθαι τάρχον Τρίτωνα. καὶ τὰ μὲν ἄλλα ἦν φησι καὶ τοῖς πλαττομένοις ὁμοῖος καὶ τοῖς γραφομένοις, τὴν δὲ οἱ κεφαλὴν ὑπὸ χρόνου διεφθαρμένην οὐ πάνυ <τι> <sup>3</sup> σαφῆ ἔφατο εἶναι οὐδὲ οἷαν συνιδεῖν <sup>4</sup> τε καὶ γνωρίσαι ῥᾶστα· 'προσασφαμένου δέ μου φολίδες ἀπέπιπτον τραχεῖαι καὶ μέντοι καὶ ἀντίτυποι εἰς μάλα. τῶν δέ τις ἐκ τῆς βουλῆς ἀρροζόντων κλήρω τὴν Ἑλλάδα καὶ πεπιστευμένων τὴν ἀρχὴν ἐνός ἔτους, οἷα δὴ βασιανῶν καὶ ἐλέγξων <sup>5</sup> τοῦ βλεπομένου τὴν φύσιν, <sup>6</sup> τοῦ δέρματος παρελὼν ὀλίγον καθήγισεν ἐπὶ πυρός, καὶ ὁσμὴ μὲν βαρεῖα καομένου τοῦ ἐμβληθέντος προσέβαλε τῶν παρόντων τὰς ῥῖνας. οὐ μὴν συμβαλεῖν φησιν εἴτε χερσαῖον τὸ ζῷον εἴτε θαλάττιον εἴη τὴν φύσιν εἶχομεν. ἀλλ' ἡ γὰρ πεῖρα οὐ χρηστόν οἱ τὸν μισθὸν ἀπέδωκεν. οὐ γὰρ μετὰ μακρόν <sup>7</sup> τὸν βίον κατέστρεψε, περαιούμενος ὀλίγον καὶ στενὸν πορθμὸν ἐξήρει πορθμείῳ καὶ βραχεῖ. καὶ ἐλεγόν γε, ὥς ἐκεῖνος λέγει, 'Ταναγραῖοι παθεῖν αὐτὸν ταῦτα ἀνθ' ὧν ἐς τὸν Τρίτωνα ἡσέβησε, τεκμηριοῦντες ὅτι ἀποψύχων μὲν ἐξηρέθη τῆς θαλάττης, ἰχώρα δὲ ἡφίει παραπλήσιον τὴν ὁσμὴν τῇ τοῦ Τρίτωνος δορᾷ, ὅτε αὐτὴν ἐκεῖνος

21. Concerning Tritons, while fishermen assert <sup>The Triton</sup> that they have no clear account or positive proof of their existence, yet there is a report very widely circulated of certain monsters in the sea, of human shape from the head down to the waist. And Demostratus in his treatise on fishing says that at Tanagra he has seen a Triton in pickle. It was, he says, in most respects as portrayed in statues and pictures, but its head had been so marred by time and was so far from distinct that it was not easy to make it out or recognize it. 'And when I touched it <sup>a</sup> there fell from it rough scales, quite hard and resistant. And a member of the Council, one of those chosen by lot to regulate the affairs of Greece and entrusted with the government for a single year, intending to test and prove the nature of what he saw, removed a small piece of the skin and burnt it in the fire; whereupon a noisome smell from the burning object thrown into the flames assailed the nostrils of the bystanders. But' he says, 'we were unable to guess whether the creature was born on land or in the sea. The experiment however cost him dear, for shortly afterwards he lost his life while crossing a small, narrow strait in a short, six-oared ferry-boat. And the inhabitants of Tanagra maintained,' so he says, 'that this befell him because he profaned the Triton, and they declared that when he was taken lifeless from the sea he disgorged a fluid which smelt like the hide of the Triton at the time when the man cast it into the fire and burnt it.'

<sup>a</sup> Ael. was never out of Italy (see vol. I, p. xii): he is quoting the words of Demostratus.

<sup>1</sup> ἔχει.

<sup>3</sup> <τι> add. H.

<sup>5</sup> βασιανῶν . . . ἐλέγξων.

<sup>2</sup> πολλῶν.

<sup>4</sup> συντυχεῖν.

<sup>6</sup> φύσιν, εἶτα.

<sup>7</sup> οὗτος γὰρ . . . μικρόν.

ἔκαε καὶ ἐνεπίμπρα.<sup>1</sup> ὁπόθεν δὲ ἄρα ὁ Τρίτων οὗτος ἐπλανήθη, καὶ ὅπως δεῦρο ἐξεβράσθη, Ταναγραῖοί τε λεγέτωσαν καὶ Δημόστρατος. ἐπὶ τούτοις δὲ αἰδοῦμαι τὸν θεόν, καὶ ἄξιον πείθεσθαι τῷ μάρτυρι τῷ τοσῶδε· εἴη δ' ἂν ὁ ἐν Διδύμοις Ἀπόλλων τεκμηριῶσαι ἱκανὸς παντί, ὅτῳ νοῦς τε ὑγιαίνει καὶ ἔρρωται ἢ φρήν. Τρίτωνα γοῦν θρέμμα θαλάττιον φησὶν εἶναι, καὶ ἃ λέγει ταῦτά ἐστι

θρέμμα Ποσειδάωνος, ὑγρὸν τέρας, ἡπύτα Τρίτων,  
νηχόμενος γλαφυρῆς <sup>1</sup> ὁρμήμασι σύντυχε νηός.

εἰ τοίνυν ὁ πάντα εἰδὼς καὶ Τρίτωνα εἶναι φησιν, ἡμᾶς ὑπὲρ τούτου διαπορεῖν οὐ χρή.

22. Τὸν Ἰνδῶν βασιλεῖα προϊόντα ἐπὶ δίκαις προσκυνεῖ ὁ ἐλέφας πρῶτος, δεδιδαγμένος τοῦτο, καὶ μάλα γε δρῶν μνημόνως τε καὶ εὐπειθῶς αὐτό (παρέστηκε δὲ καὶ ἐκείνος, ὅσπερ οὖν ἐνδίδωσιν οἱ τοῦ παιδεύματος τὴν ὑπόμνησιν τῇ ἐκ τῆς ἄρπης κρούσει καὶ φωνῇ τινι ἐπιχωρίῳ, ἥσπερ οὖν ἐλέφαντες ἐπάτειν εἰλήχασιν φύσει τινι ἀπορρήτῳ καὶ μάλα γε ἰδίᾳ τοῦ ζώου τοῦδε). καὶ μέντοι καὶ κίνησιν τινα ὑποκινεῖται πολεμικὴν, οἷον ἐνδείκνυμενος ὅτι καὶ τοῦτο τὸ μάθημα ἀποσώζει. τέτταρες δὲ καὶ εἴκοσι τῷ βασιλεῖ φρουροὶ παραμένουσιν ἐλέφαντες ἐκ διαδοχῆς, ὥσπερ οὖν οἱ φύλακες οἱ λοιποί, καὶ αὐτοῖς παιδεύμα τὴν φρουρὰν <ἔχειν> <sup>2</sup> οὐ κατανυστάζουσι· διδάσκονται γάρ

<sup>1</sup> Voss: γλαφυροῖς.

As to the quarter from which the Triton strayed and how he came to be cast ashore here, the inhabitants of Tanagra and Demostratus must explain. In view of these facts I bow to the god, and a witness of such authority claims our belief; and Apollo of Didyma <sup>a</sup> must be a sufficient guarantee to every man of sound mind and strong intelligence. At any rate he says that the Triton is a creature of the sea, and his words are

'A child of Poseidon, portent of the waters, a clear-voiced Triton, encountered as he swam the rush of a hollow vessel.'

If then the omniscient god says that Tritons do exist, we should entertain no doubts on the subject.

22. When the Indian King sets forth to administer justice an Elephant first bows down before him: it has been taught to do so and remembers perfectly and obeys. (At its side stands the man who teaches it to remember its instruction by a stroke from his goad and by some words in his native speech which thanks to a mysterious gift of nature peculiar to this animal the Elephant can understand.) Moreover it executes some warlike motion, as though it would show that it recollects this part of its teaching also. Four and twenty Elephants take it in turn to stand sentry over the King, just like the other guards, and are taught to keep watch and not to fall asleep: for this lesson also they are taught by Indian skill. And

The Elephant as bodyguard

<sup>a</sup> In the territory of Miletus; it was also known as Branchidae.

<sup>2</sup> <ἔχειν> add. H.

τοι σοφία τινι Ἰνδικῇ καὶ τοῦτο. καὶ λέγει μὲν Ἑκαταῖος ὁ Μιλήσιος Ἀμφιάρεων τὸν Οἰκλέους κατακοιμίσαι τὴν φυλακὴν καὶ <sup>1</sup> παθεῖν ὅσα λέγει. οὗτοι δὲ ἄρα ἄγρυπνοι καὶ ὕπνου <sup>2</sup> μὴ ἥττώμενοι, πιστότατοι τῶν ἐκεῖθι φυλάκων μετὰ γε τοὺς ἀνθρώπους εἰσίν.

23. Ἐγὼ δὲ ἄρα ὡς εἶχον ὁρμῆς ἐπὶ μακρότατον ταῦτά τε καὶ τὰ ὑπὲρ τούτων ἀνασκοπούμενός τε καὶ ἀνιχνεύων πέπυσμαι καὶ σκολόπενδραν εἶναι τι θαλάττιον κῆτος, μέγιστον κητῶν καὶ τοῦτο, καὶ ἐκβρασθεῖσαν μὲν θεάσασθαι οὐκ ἂν τις θρασύνοιτο. λέγουσι δὲ οἱ ἀκριβοῦντες ἄνθρωποι τὰ θαλάττια ὁρᾶσθαι αὐτὰς πλωτάς, καὶ πᾶν μὲν ὅσον ἐστὶ κεφαλὴ, τοῦτο ὑπερτείνειν ἕξαλον, καὶ μέντοι καὶ μυκτήρων τρίχας ἐξεχούσας καὶ μάλα γε ὕψηλās ἐπιδεικνύναι,<sup>3</sup> πλατεῖαν δὲ τὴν οὐρὰν καὶ οἷαν δοκεῖν καράβου. ἤδη δὲ ἄρα αὐτῆς καὶ τὸ λοιπὸν σῶμα ἐπιπολάζον τοῖς κύμασιν ὁρᾶται, ὅσον ἀντικρῖναι τριήρους τελείας αὐτὸ μεγέθει. νήχονται δὲ ἄρα πολλοῖς τοῖς ποσὶ καὶ κατὰ στοίχον ἐντεῦθεν <sup>4</sup> καὶ ἐκεῖθεν οἰονεῖ σκαλμοῖς παρηρητημένοις (εἰ καὶ τραχύτερον ἀκοῦσαι) ἑαυτὰς <sup>5</sup> ἐρέτουςαι. λέγουσιν οὖν οἱ δεινοὶ ταῦτα καὶ ὑπηχεῖν τὸ ῥόθιον ἡσυχῇ, καὶ πείθουσι λέγοντες.

24. Ξενοφῶν δὲ ὑπὲρ κυνῶν λέγει καὶ ταῦτα. δεῖν ἐς τὰ ὄρη πολλάκις ἄγειν αὐτάς, τὰ δὲ ἔργα ἦττον· τοὺς γάρ τοι τριμμούς <τοὺς> <sup>6</sup> ἐκ τῶν ἐνεργῶν χωρίων λυπεῖν τε αὐτάς καὶ σφάλλιν.

<sup>1</sup> καὶ ὀλίγου.

<sup>2</sup> Reiske: ὕπνω.

<sup>3</sup> ἀποδεικνύναι.

<sup>4</sup> αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐντεῦθεν.

Hecataeus of Miletus says that Amphiaras, the son of Oicles, went to sleep during his watch and suffered the fate which he describes.<sup>a</sup> These animals however are wakeful and are not overcome by sleep; they are the most trustworthy of the guards there, at any rate next to human beings.

23. Now in the course of examining and investigating these subjects and what bears upon them, to the utmost limit, with all the zeal that I could command, I have ascertained that the Scolopendra is a sea-monster, and of sea-monsters it is the biggest, and if cast up on the shore no one would have the courage to look at it. And those who are expert in marine matters say that they have seen them floating and that they extend the whole of their head above the sea, exposing hairs of immense length protruding from their nostrils, and that the tail is flat and resembles that of a crayfish. And at times the rest of their body is to be seen floating on the surface, and its bulk is comparable to a full-sized trireme. And they swim with numerous feet in line on either side as though they were rowing themselves (though the expression is somewhat harsh) with tholepins hung alongside. So those who have experience in these matters say that the surge responds with a gentle murmur, and their statement convinces me.

24. Xenophon has also the following remarks touching Hounds [*Cyn.* 4. 9]. You should take them to the mountains frequently, but less frequently on to fields. For the beaten tracks on cultivated

<sup>a</sup> The allusion has not been explained.

<sup>5</sup> Reiske: ἑαυτοῖς.

<sup>6</sup> <τοὺς> add. H.

λῶν δὲ εἶναι ὁ αὐτὸς φησιν ἐς τὰ τραχέα ἄγειν, καὶ κέρδος γε ἐκείνο πρὸς τούτῳ<sup>1</sup> διδάσκει, εὐποδὰς τε αὐτὰς γίνεσθαι καὶ ἀλτικωτέρας ἐκπονοῦσας τὸ σῶμα. ἵχνη δὲ ἄρα λαγῶ τοῦ μὲν χειμῶνος μακρὰ ὁρᾶσθαι λέγει διὰ τὸ μήκος τῶν νυκτῶν, τοῦ δὲ θέρους οὐκέτι διὰ τοῦναντίον.<sup>2</sup> καὶ σαφὲς ἐκ τοῦ προειρημένου τί βούλεται τὸ ἐναντίον.

25. Ἴππους καὶ ἐλέφαντας ἅτε ζῶα καὶ ἐν ὅπλοις καὶ ἐν πολέμοις λυσitelῇ τιμῶσιν Ἴνδοί, καὶ μάλα γε ισχυρῶς. τῷ γοῦν βασιλεῖ κομίζουσι καὶ κώμυθας, ὥς ἐμβάλλουσι ταῖς φάτναις, καὶ χιλόν, καὶ ἐπιδεικνύουσι νεαρόν τε καὶ ἀσινῆ. καὶ ἐὰν μὲν ἦ<sup>3</sup> τοιοῦτος, ἐπαινεῖ ὁ βασιλεὺς· εἰ δὲ μή, κολάζει τοὺς τε τῶν ἐλεφάντων μελεδωνοὺς καὶ τοὺς ἵπποκόμους πικρότατα. οὐκ ἀτιμάζει δὲ οὐδὲ τὰ ἄλλα τὰ μικρότερα<sup>4</sup> ζῶα, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἐκείνα προσίεται δῶρά οἱ κομιζόμενα. Ἴνδοι γὰρ οὐκ ἐκφραυλίζουσι ζῶον οὔτε ἡμέρον οὔτε μὴν<sup>5</sup> ἄγριον οὐδέν. αὐτίκα γοῦν δωροφοροῦσι τῶν ὑπηκόων οἱ διὰ τιμῆς ἰόντες γεράνους τε καὶ χήνας ἀλεκτορίδας τε καὶ νήττας καὶ τρυγόνας τε καὶ ἀτταγὰς προσέτι, πέρδικας τε καὶ σπινδάλους (ἔστι δὲ ἐμπερές τῷ ἀτταγᾷ τοῦτό γε) καὶ<sup>6</sup> ἐπὶ τούτοις τῶν προειρημένων βραχύτερα, βωκκαλίδας τε καὶ συκαλίδας καὶ τὰς καλουμένας κεγχρῆδας. ἐπιδεικνύουσι δὲ αὐτὰ ἀναπτύξαντες, τὸν ἐς βάθος αὐτῶν ἐλέγχοντες πιασμόν. καὶ πλοῦτον<sup>7</sup> πεπια-

<sup>1</sup> Reiske: τοῦτο.

<sup>2</sup> τοῦναντίον δὲ τούτου τοῦ θ. οὐκέτι.

<sup>3</sup> Jac: εἴη.

<sup>4</sup> μικρότερα H (1858), μικρότατα MSS, τὰ μ. del. H (1864).

lands injure and mislead them. And the same writer says that it is better to take them on to rough ground, and points out the additional advantage of so doing, viz that by exercising their bodies their legs gain in strength and ability to jump. He also says [ib. 5. 1] that in winter the Hare's scent is perceptible for a long time because of the length of the nights, but in summer this is so no more, for the opposite reason. The meaning of 'the opposite' is clear from what has been said above.

25. The Indians value Horses and Elephants as <sup>Animals presented to the Indian King</sup> animals serviceable under arms and in warfare; and they value them very highly. At any rate they bring to the King trusses of hay which they throw into the mangers, and fodder which they show to be fresh and undamaged. And if it is so, the King thanks them; if it is not, he punishes the keepers of the Elephants and the grooms most severely. But he does not reject even other and smaller animals but accepts the following also when brought to him as presents. For the Indians do not disparage any animal whether tame or wild. For example, those of his subjects who hold high office bring him presents of cranes, geese, hens, ducks, turtle-doves, francolins also, partridges, spindaluses<sup>a</sup> (this bird resembles the francolin), and even smaller birds than the aforementioned, the boccalis,<sup>a</sup> beccaficos, and what are called ortolans. And they uncover their gifts and display them, to prove how thoroughly plump they are.

<sup>a</sup> Unidentified.

<sup>5</sup> οὔτε μὴν ἡμέρον οὐδέ.

<sup>7</sup> τούτων.

<sup>6</sup> καὶ τὰ.

σμένων ἐλάφων<sup>1</sup> τε καὶ βουβαλίδων καὶ δορκάδων καὶ ὀρύγων καὶ τῶν ὄνων τῶν ἐχόντων ἐν κέρασιν, ὧν καὶ ἀνωτέρω που μνήμην<sup>2</sup> ἐποιησάμην, καὶ ἰχθύων δὲ γένη διάφορα κομίζουσι καὶ ταῦτα.

26. Ἔστι δὲ ἄρα καὶ τέττιξ ἐνάλιος. καὶ ὁ μὲν μέγιστος αὐτῶν ἔοικε καράβῳ σμικρῷ, κέρατα δὲ οὐκ ἔχει μεγάλα κατ' ἐκείνους οὐδὲ κέντρα. ἰδεῖν δὲ ἔστι τοῦ καράβου ὁ τέττιξ ζοφωδέστερος, καὶ ἐπὶ αἶρεθῇ, προσέοικε τετριγύτι. πτέρυγες δὲ ὀλίγαι τὸ μέγεθος ὑπὸ τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς αὐτοῦ ἐκπεφύκασιν, καὶ εἰεν ἂν κατὰ τὰς τῶν χερσαίων καὶ αὐταί. οὐ σιτοῦνται δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ πολλοί, νομίζοντες ἱερὸν. Σεριφίους δὲ ἀκούει καὶ θάπτειν νεκρὸν ἐαλωκότα. ζῶντα δὲ ἐς δίκτυον ἐμπεσόντα οὐ κατέχουσιν, ἀλλὰ ἀποδιδοῦσι τῇ θαλάττῃ αὐθις. θρηγοῦσι δὲ ἄρα αὐτοὺς<sup>3</sup> ἀποθανόντας, καὶ λέγουσι Περσέως τοῦ Διὸς ἄθυρμα αὐτοὺς εἶναι.

27. Ταῖνα ἰχθὺς ὁμώνυμος τῇ χερσαίᾳ ναίῃ ἐστίν. ταύτης οὖν τὴν δεξιὰν πτέρυγα εἰ ὑποθείης ἀνθρώπῳ καθεύδοντι, εἰ μάλα ἐκταράξεις αὐτόν. δέα γάρ τινα καὶ ἰνδάσματα καὶ φάσματα ὄψεται, καὶ ἐνύπνια ἕτερα οὐδαμῶς εὐμενῇ καὶ φίλᾳ τραχέουρου γε μὴν ζῶντος ἐὰν ἀποκόψῃς τὴν οὐρὰν, καὶ τὸν τράχουρον αὐθις ἐλεύθερον ἀπολύσῃς ἐς τὴν θάλατταν, τὴν γε μὴν προειρημένην οὐρὰν ἐξαρτήσῃς ἵππου κούσης, οὐ μετὰ μακρόν<sup>4</sup> ἐκπεσεῖται τὸ ἔμβρυον, καὶ ἐξαμβλώσει ἢ ἵππος.

<sup>1</sup> Ges: ἐλεφάντων.

<sup>2</sup> τὴν μνήμην.

<sup>3</sup> τοὺς.

They bring also a wealth of fattened stags, of antelopes,<sup>a</sup> of gazelles, and one-horned asses,<sup>b</sup> which I have mentioned somewhere earlier on, and different kinds of fish also.

26. There is also a Cicada that lives in the sea, and the largest one is like a small crayfish, though <sup>The Sea-</sup> Cicada neither its horns nor its stings are as long as those of the crayfish. The Sea-cicada is of a darker hue than the crayfish, and when caught appears to squeak. From beneath its eyes there grow small wings, and these also resemble those of the land-cicada. But few people eat it, since they regard it as sacred. And I have heard that the inhabitants of Seriphus even bury any that is dead when caught; if however a live one falls into their nets, they do not keep it but return it to the sea. And they even mourn for these creatures when dead and assert that they are the darlings of Perseus the son of Zeus.

27. The Hyena fish<sup>c</sup> has the same name as the land-hyena. Now if you put its right-hand fin <sup>The Hyena</sup> fish under a man asleep, you will give him a considerable shock. For he will see fearful sights, forms and apparitions, dreams too, sinister and unwelcome. Further, if you cut off the tail of a live Horse-mackerel and let the fish go again in the sea, and then attach the aforesaid tail to a mare in foal, she will presently drop her foetus and will miscarry.

<sup>a</sup> βούβαλις and ὄρυξ both signify antelope; but ὄ. may stand for the four-horned species mentioned in NA 15. 14.

<sup>b</sup> See 10. 40

<sup>c</sup> Unidentified.

<sup>4</sup> Reiske: μικρόν.



μειρακίου γε μὴν δεομένου ἐπὶ μήκιστον τριχῶν ἀπορίας τῶν ἐπὶ τοῦ γενείου, αἷμα ἐπιχρισθέν θύννου ἀωρόλειον τὸ μειράκιον ἀπεργάζεται.<sup>1</sup> δρᾷ δὲ ἄρα καὶ νάρκη καὶ πνεύμων τὸ αὐτό· ἐν ὧς γὰρ διασαπείσαι αἱ τούτων σάρκες καὶ ἐπιχρισθεῖσαι τοῖς γενείοις φυγὴν τριχῶν ἐνεργάζονται<sup>2</sup> φασι.<sup>3</sup> τί πρὸς ταῦτα Ταραντῖνοι τε καὶ Τυρρηνοὶ σοφιστὰι κακῶν, δαίδαλον<sup>4</sup> ἐκεῖνό γε ἀνιχνεύσαντες τε καὶ πειράσαντες τὴν πίτταν, ὥς ἔξ ἀνδρῶν ἐς γυναικας ἀποκρίνειν;

28. 'Ο <δὲ><sup>5</sup> χρύσοφρος ἄρα ἰχθύων ἀπάντων δειλότατος ἦν. ἐν δὲ ταῖς παλιρροῖαις τῆς θαλάττης, ὅταν ᾗ ὥρα Ἀρκτούρω<sup>6</sup> σύνδρομος, ὑπονοστεῖ μὲν<sup>7</sup> ἡ θάλαττα περὶ τὸ ἄκτιον, ψιλὴ δὲ ἡ ψάμμος ὑπολείπεται, καὶ αἱ ναῦς πολλάκις ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐστήκασιν ὕδατος χῆραι. οὐκοῦν οἱ ἐπιχώριοι ὄρηκας αἰγείρων χλωροὺς καὶ κομῶντας ὄξυναντες δίκην σκολόπων καὶ ἐμπήξαντες τῇ ψάμμῳ ὑπαναχωροῦσιν, εἰτα ὑποστρέψαν τὸ κύμα ἐπισύρει ἰχθύων τῶν προειρημένων πλῆθος ἄμαχον, ὑπονοστεῖ <δὲ><sup>8</sup> αἰθῖς, καὶ ὑπολείπονται πολλοὶ χρυσοφρυνες ἐν ὀλίγῳ ὕδατι, ἐνθ' ἂν<sup>9</sup> καθήμενα εὐρεθῇ καὶ κοῖλα,<sup>10</sup> εἰτα ὑπὸ τοῖς κλάδοις πτήξαντες ἡσυχάζουσι· διασειόμενους γὰρ αὐτοὺς καὶ διακινουμένους ὑπὸ τοῦ προσπίπτοντος πνεύματος ὀρρωδοῦσι, καὶ οὔτε σπαίρουσιν οὔτε ἀναπάλλονται.

<sup>1</sup> Reiske : ἐνεργάζεται.

<sup>3</sup> Schn : φησι.

<sup>5</sup> <δὲ> add. H.

<sup>7</sup> μάλιστα.

<sup>9</sup> Jac : ἔνθα.

<sup>2</sup> Ges : ἐνεργάζεται.

<sup>4</sup> δαίδαλον.

<sup>6</sup> Abresch : Ἀρκτούρου.

<sup>8</sup> <δὲ> add. Reiske.

<sup>10</sup> καθευμένον . . . κοῖλον.

Again, if a youth wants to keep his chin hairless Depilatorie for as long as possible, the blood of a Tunny rubbed on renders him beardless. And the Torpedo and the Jelly-fish have the same effect, for if their flesh is dissolved in vinegar and rubbed on the cheeks, they say that it banishes hair. What have those contrivers of evil from Tarentum and Etruria to say to this, men who after experimenting with pitch have discovered that artifice whereby they differentiate men and turn them into women?

28. Of all fishes the Gilt-head is the most timid. The Gilt-head When the season of neap-tides coincides with Arcturus,<sup>a</sup> the sea recedes from the beach and the sand is left bare and vessels frequently stand high and dry for want of water. Accordingly the inhabitants take branches of poplar-trees, green and in leaf, and after sharpening them like stakes, fix them in the sand and withdraw. Later the returning tide draws in a countless multitude of the aforesaid fishes; again it ebbs, leaving a great number of Gilt-heads in shallow water wherever low-lying or hollow spots may be found, and the fish cower beneath the branches and remain still. For they are terrified by the branches when the oncoming wind stirs and shakes them, and neither quiver nor dart about. It is quite easy, you might say, for anyone who sets

<sup>a</sup> The phrase ὥρα Ἀρκτούρω σύνδρομος is borrowed from Plato, *Legg.* 8. 844 D [figs and grapes are not to be gathered] πρὶν ἔλθεῖν τὴν ὥραν τὴν τοῦ τρυγᾶν Ἀρκτούρω σύνδρομον. The morning rising of Arcturus in the region of Rome was on Sept. 20, the evening rising on Feb. 27. Ael. appears to think that Arcturus has some effect upon the tides, but does not tell us which date we are to understand.

πάρεστι δὴ συλλαβεῖν ὡς αἰχμαλώτους καὶ παίειν  
παντὶ τῷ προσπεσόντι δειλῶν ἰχθύων δῆμον εἶποι  
τις ἄν. αἰροῦσι γοῦν αὐτοὺς οὐ τεχνῖται μόνοι,  
ἀλλὰ καὶ ἰδιώτης παρατυχὼν ἦ, καὶ παῖδες καὶ  
γυναῖκες.

upon the mob of timorous fish to capture and strike  
them. At any rate it is not only skilled fishermen  
that can catch them, but any inexperienced person  
who chances to be at hand, even children and  
women.



1. Ἐν δὲ τῷ Ἰονίῳ πελάγει πλησίον Ἐπιδάμνου, ὅπου καὶ Ταυλάντιοι παροικοῦσι, νῆσός ἐστι καὶ Ἀθηνᾶς κέκληται, καὶ οἰκοῦσιν ἐνταῦθα ἀλιεῖς. ἔστι δὲ καὶ λίμνη αὐτόθι, καὶ σκόμβρων ἡθάδων καὶ ἡμέρων ἀγέλαι τρέφονται. καὶ τούτοις μὲν τροφὰς ἐμβάλλουσιν οἱ ἀλιεῖς, καὶ ἔστιν αὐτοῖς πρὸς αὐτοὺς ἔνσπονδα, καὶ εἰσιν ἐλεύθεροι, καὶ ἀθριᾶν εἰλήχασιν, καὶ προΐασιν ἐς χρόνον πλήθος, καὶ ζῶσιν αὐτόθι σκόμβροι καὶ γέροντες. οὐ μὴν ἀργοὶ σιτοῦνται, οὐδὲ ὑπὲρ ὧν τρέφονται εἰσιν ἀχάριστοι, λαβόντες δὲ ἐκ τῶν ἀλιέων τροφὰς τὰς ἐωθινὰς εἶτα μέντοι καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐπὶ τὴν θήραν ἵασιν, ὥσπερ οὖν τροφέα ἐκτίνοντες. καὶ τοῦ λιμένος προελθόντες ἐπὶ τοὺς ξένους στέλλονται σκόμβρους, καὶ ἐντυχόντες ὡς ἴλη τινὴ ἢ φάλαγγι, ἅτε ὁμοφύλοις καὶ τῆς αὐτῆς φύσεως οὔσι προσνούσι, καὶ οὔτε τούτους ἐκεῖνοι φεύγουσιν οὔτε οὗτοι ἐκκλίνουσιν ἐκείνους,<sup>1</sup> ἀλλὰ συνίασιν. εἶτα οἱ τιθασοὶ τοὺς ἐπήλυδας περιελθόντες καὶ κυκλόσε γενόμενοι καὶ ἑαυτοὺς συμφράξαντες ἀπειλήφασιν μέσους πολὺ τι πλήθος, καὶ οὐκ ἐῷσι διαδιδράσκειν, ἀναμένουσι δὲ τοὺς τροφέας, καὶ ἀνθ' ὧν ἐκορέσθη-

<sup>1</sup> αὐτούς.

\* Seemingly unknown to geographers. There are, however,

1. In the Ionian Sea close to Epidamnus where the Taulantii live, there is an island<sup>a</sup> and it is called 'Athena's Isle,' and fisher folk live there. There is also a lagoon in the island where shoals of tame Mackerel are fed. And the fishermen throw in food to them and observe a treaty of peace with them; so the fish are free and immune from pursuit and attain to a great age; there are even ancient Mackerel living there. Yet they do not feed without making any return, nor do they fail in gratitude for their food, but after they have been fed by the fishermen in the morning they too of their own accord go to join the pursuit, as though they were paying for their maintenance. And advancing beyond the harbour they set out to meet the strange Mackerel. When they have encountered them as it were in a company or in line of battle, they swim up to them as being of the same family and the same kind, nor do the strangers flee from them, nor do the tame fish attempt to divert them but bear them company. Presently the tame fish surround the newcomers, and having encircled them, close their ranks and cut off the fish in their midst, amounting to a great number, and prevent them from escaping; they wait for their keepers and provide the fishermen with a

two lagoons, one 30 mi., the other about 55 mi. S of Epidamnus.

σαν ἀνθεστιῶσι τοὺς ἀλιέας· ἐπελθόντες γὰρ αἰρούσιν αὐτοὺς καὶ πολλὴν ἐργάζονται φόνον. οἱ δὲ τιθασοὶ ἐπανίαισι σπεύδοντες ἐς τὸν λιμένα, καὶ τοὺς ἐαυτῶν χηραμοὺς ὑπελθόντες ἀναμένουσι τὸ δειλινὸν δείπνον. οἱ δὲ ἤκουσι κομίζοντες, εἰ βούλονται συνθήρους ἔχειν καὶ φίλους πιστούς. ὁσημέραι μέντοι πράττεται ταῦτα.

2. Σκάρου τὴν χολήν <sup>1</sup> ἐὰν δῶς ἐμφαγεῖν ἀνθρώπῳ νοσοῦντι τὸ ἥπαρ καὶ ἵκτερον ἔχοντι, σωθήσεται, ὡς οἱ σοφοὶ τῶν ἀλιέων διδάσκουσιν.

3. Ἀλίσκεται δὲ ἄρα ἰχθὺς καὶ ἄνευ κύρτων καὶ ἀγκίστρων καὶ δικτύων τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον. κόλποι θαλάττιοι πολλοὶ τελευτῶσιν ἐς τενάγητινά, καὶ ἔστι ταῦτα ἐπιβατά. ὅταν οὖν ἡ γαλήνη καὶ εἰρήνη πνευμάτων, οἱ τεχνῖται τῶν ἀλιέων ἄγουσι πολλοὺς ἐνταῦθα, εἰτα αὐτοὺς προστάττουσι βαδίζειν καὶ πατεῖν τὴν ψάμμον, ὡς ὅτι μάλιστα ἀπερείδοντας <sup>2</sup> τὸ πέλμα ἰσχυρῶς. εἰτα ἰχνη καταλείπεται βαθέα, ἅπερ οὖν ἐὰν φυλαχθῇ, καὶ μὴ ποτε συμπεσοῦσα ἡ ψάμμος συγχέῃ αὐτά, μηδὲ ἐκταραχθῇ <sup>3</sup> ὑπὸ πνεύματος τὸ ὕδωρ, ὀλίγον διαλείπουσιν οἱ ἀλιεῖς, καὶ ἐμβάντες καταλαμβάνουσιν ἐν τοῖς κοιλώμασι τῶν βημάτων καὶ τοῖς ἰχνεσι τοὺς ἰχθὺς τοὺς πλατεῖς εὐναζομένους, ψήττας τε καὶ ῥόμβους καὶ στρουθοὺς καὶ νάρκας καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα.

<sup>1</sup> Jac: σκάρου, διαχυθείσης τῆς χολῆς περὶ πᾶν τὸ σῶμα, ἐάν MSS; if the words διαχυθείσης . . . σῶμα are to be regarded as genuine, Jac would place them after ἔχοντι.

<sup>2</sup> ἐπερείδοντες.

feast in return for the satisfaction of their own appetites. For the fishermen arrive, catch the strangers, and perpetrate a massacre. But the tame fish return with all haste to the lagoon, dive into their lairs, and wait for their afternoon meal, which the fishermen bring, if they want allies and loyal friends as fellow-hunters. And this happens every day.

2. Experienced fishermen teach us that if you give a man whose liver is out of order and who is afflicted with jaundice, the gall of a Parrot Wrasse, he will be cured.

3. Fish are caught without weels or hooks or nets in the following manner. There are many bays in the sea which end in shallows, and one can walk in them. When, therefore, it is calm and the winds are at rest, skilled fishermen bring a number of people to the spot and then direct them to walk about and trample the sand, throwing all their weight on to the soles of their feet. As a result deep footprints are left, and if they are preserved and the sand does not collapse and obliterate them, and if the water is not agitated by the wind, after a short interval the fishermen enter and in the trodden hollows and footprints capture flat fish asleep, viz flounders, turbot, plaice,<sup>a</sup> torpedo-fish, and the like.

<sup>a</sup> Thompson has omitted στρουθός from his Glossary; L-S<sup>a</sup> give 'flounder'; E. de Saint-Denis gives 'plaice.'

<sup>3</sup> ἐνταραχθῇ.

4. Ἐχίνου θαλαττίου περί εἶπον <καί><sup>1</sup> ἄνω-  
τέρω καὶ νῦν δὲ εἰρήσεται ὅσα προσακήκοα. ἔστι  
γὰρ καὶ στομάχῳ ἀγαθόν· τὸν τέως γὰρ κακόσιτον  
ὄντα καὶ πᾶν ὃ τι οὖν βδελυττόμενον ὃ δὲ ἀναρ-  
ρώνυσιν. ἔστι δὲ καὶ κύστεως κενωτικός, ὥς  
οἱ τούτων λέγουσι σοφοί. εἰ δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπιχρίσειας  
σώματι ψωριῶντι, ὃ δὲ σῶν ἐργάζεται τὸν τέως  
νοσοῦντα τὴν νόσον τὴν προειρημένην. καυθεὶς  
δὲ ἄρα ὀστράκοις αὐτοῖς ἐκκαθαίρει τὰ ῥυπῶντα  
τῶν τραυμάτων. χερσαίου δὲ ἐχίνου καυθέντος  
ἡ σποδιὰ πίττη προσανακραθεῖσα εἰτα μέντοι  
καταχρίεται τῶν λευκοτρίχων μερῶν, καὶ αἱ τέως  
φυγάδες (ἵνα τι καὶ παίσω<sup>2</sup>) ὑπαναφύονται.  
πινομένη δὲ οἶνῳ νεφροῖς ἀγαθόν ἔστι, σώζει δὲ  
ἄρα καὶ ὑδεριῶντας ποθείσα, ὥσπερ δὴ καὶ  
προεῖπον. τὸ δὲ ἡπαρ ἄρα τοῦ ἐχίνου τούτου  
ἰᾶται ὑφ' ἡλίου γενόμενον αἶον τοὺς τῇ νόσῳ τῇ  
τοῦ καλουμένου ἐλέφαντος κατειλημμένους.

5. Ἐλέφας ὁ θῆλυς, τιμιώτερα εἶναι τὰ τούτου  
κέρατα οἱ σοφοὶ ταῦτα ὑμνοῦσι, καὶ ἐκεῖνά γε  
ἡμᾶς διδάσκουσιν. ἐν τῇ Μαυρουσίᾳ γῇ οἱ ἐλέφαν-  
τες, δεκάτῳ ἔτει πάντως αὐτοῖς τὰ κέρατα ἐκπεσεῖν  
φιλεῖ,<sup>3</sup> ὥσπερ οὖν καὶ <τὰ><sup>4</sup> τῶν ἐλάφων, ἀλλὰ  
τούτων ἀνὰ πᾶν ἔτος. οἱ τοίνυν ἐλέφαντες οἶδε  
γῆν πεδιάδα καὶ ἐνδροσον προαιροῦνται τῆς ἄλλης,  
καὶ ἀπερείδουσιν<sup>5</sup> ἐς αὐτὴν <τὰ κέρατα>,<sup>6</sup> ὁκλάξ  
ἐπικύψαντες, ἐκδύναι αὐτὰ δεινῶς σφριγῶντες.  
τοσοῦτον δὲ ἄρα ἐπωθοῦσιν, ὥς καὶ τελέως<sup>7</sup> αὐτὰ

<sup>1</sup> <καί> add. H.

<sup>3</sup> δεῖ V, σπεύδει other MSS.

<sup>5</sup> ἐπερείδουσιν.

<sup>2</sup> παίξω.

<sup>4</sup> <τὰ> add. H.

<sup>6</sup> <τὰ κέρατα> add. H.

4. I have spoken earlier on<sup>a</sup> about the Sea-urchin and I will now mention what more I have heard. It is also good for the stomach: it helps a man who has been suffering from loss of appetite and loathing every kind of food to regain his strength; it is also a diuretic, according to those who know about these things. And if you rub it on one who is suffering from the itch, it cures a man hitherto afflicted with the aforesaid disease. And if you burn a Sea-urchin, shell and all, it cleanses suppurating wounds. If you burn a Hedgehog and mingle the ashes with pitch and then rub them on those parts where the hair has fallen off, the fugitives (if I may be allowed the joke) will sprout again. If drunk with wine, it is good for the kidneys; it is also a cure for dropsy when drunk, as in fact I remarked before. Further, the liver of a Hedgehog, if desiccated by the sun, is a cure for those who suffer from the disease known as elephantiasis.

Medicinal  
properties of  
Sea-urchin  
and Hedge-  
hog

5. Those who are learned in these matters con-stantly assert that the tusks of the female Elephant are more valuable than those of the male, and this is what they teach us. In Mauretania Elephants are in the habit of dropping their tusks every tenth year, just as stags drop their horns, though with stags it is every year. Now these Elephants prefer a level, well-watered country to any other, and they go down upon their knees and rest their tusks upon the ground in their passionate desire to shed their tusks. And they thrust with such force as finally

Hunting for  
Elephants'  
tusks

<sup>a</sup> See 7. 33; 9. 47.

<sup>7</sup> Reiske: τέως.

ἀποκρύψαι· εἴτα μέντοι ὑποψήσαντες τοῖς ποσὶ  
 λείον τὸν χώρον ἀπέφηναν τὸν φρουροῦντα τὸ  
 θησαύρισμα αὐτοῖς. γονιμωτάτῃ δὲ ἄρα ἡ γῆ  
 οὔσα εἴτα ὤκιστα πᾶν ἀναφύει, καὶ ἀφανίζει τὴν  
 ὄψιν τοῦ γεγενημένου τοῖς ὁδῶ χρωμένοις· οἱ δὲ <sup>1</sup>  
 ταῦτα ἀνιχνεύοντες τὰ φώρια καὶ τινα σόφίαν τῆς  
 <ἐξ> <sup>2</sup> ἐκείνων ἐπιβουλῆς ἔχοντες ἐν ἄσκοις  
 αἰγείοις ὕδωρ κομίζουσιν, εἴτα αὐτοὺς διασπείρουσι  
 πεπληρωμένους ἄλλους ἀλλαχόσε, καὶ αὐτοὶ κατα-  
 μένουσι. καὶ καθεύδει τις, καὶ ἄλλος ὑποπίνει, καὶ  
 πού τις καὶ μεταξὺ ἐπιρροφῶν τῆς κύλικος ὑπανα-  
 μέλπει καὶ μέμνηται διὰ τοῦ μέλους ἧς ἐρᾷ· εἰ  
 δὲ καὶ νέον ὠρικὸν ὑποπειρᾷ παρόντα τις καὶ  
 αὐτὸν τῆς ἰχνεύσεως κοινωνόν, οὐκ ἂν θαυμάσαιμι·  
 εἰσὶ γὰρ Μαυρούσιοι καὶ καλοὶ καὶ μεγάλοι,  
 καὶ ἀνδρικόν ὀρώσι, καὶ ἔργων ἔχονται θηρα-  
 τικῶν, καὶ μέντοι καὶ πολλοὺς <sup>3</sup> ἀναφλέγουσι,  
 μειράκια ἔτι καὶ τηλικοῖδε ὄντες. οὐκοῦν εἰ τὰ  
 κέρατα εἴη κατορρωγμένα <sup>4</sup> πλησίον ἐκεῖνα, τὰ  
 δὲ ἰγγί τινι ἀπορρήτῳ καὶ θαυμαστῇ τὸ ὕδωρ  
 ἐκεῖνο ἐκ τῶν ἄσκων ἔλκει, καὶ ἀποδείκνυσι  
 κενούς αὐτούς. ἐνταῦθ' αὖτοι <sup>5</sup> σμινύαις τε καὶ  
 μακέλλαις διασκάπτουσι τὸν χώρον, καὶ ἔχουσι τὸ  
 θήραμα ῥινηλατήσαντες ἀνεκνῶν· εἰ δὲ ἐμπλεῶ  
 μέινωσιν οἱ ἄσκοι οὐπερ οὖν καὶ κατέθεσαν  
 αὐτοὺς οἱ τῶν κεράτων τῶνδε θηραταί, οἱ δὲ  
 ἀπίασιν ἐπ' ἄλλην θήραν, καὶ μέντοι καὶ ἄσκοὺς  
 καὶ ὕδωρ ἐπάγονται πάλιν, τὰ θήρατρα τῆς ἄγρας  
 τῆς προειρημένης.

6. Λέγεται δὲ καὶ ἐλέφας διπλὴν ἔχειν καρδίαν  
 καὶ διπλὰ νοεῖν, καὶ τῇ μὲν θυμοῦσθαι, πρᾶννεσθαί

to bury them in the ground. Next, with their feet  
 they gently scrape and make smooth the spot that  
 guards their treasure. Now the soil is extremely  
 fertile and in a very short while sends up a crop of  
 grass and effaces the evidence of what occurred for  
 those who pass by. But those who track down these  
 secreted objects and who have some knowledge of  
 the Elephants' designs, bring water in goatskins and  
 disperse them, well filled, in different places, and  
 themselves remain where they are. And one sleeps  
 while another drinks a little, and I dare say that in  
 the intervals of quaffing from his cup he sings to  
 himself and remembers his sweetheart in his song.  
 (Nor should I be surprised if a man tries to seduce  
 some well-grown boy who is with him and is his  
 companion in the quest, for the Moors are hand-  
 some, stalwart, and of manly aspect, and are devotees  
 of the chase: and many a heart do they inflame too,  
 while still boys, though they are so big). So then if  
 those tusks have been buried near by, by some  
 mysterious and amazing spell they draw the afore-  
 said water out of the skins and leave them empty.  
 Thereupon the men dig up the ground with  
 mattocks and picks, and the spoil which they have  
 tracked down without the aid of dogs is theirs. If  
 however the skins remain filled in the place where  
 the tusk-hunters laid them, they go off on a fresh  
 quest and again bring the skins and the water, the  
 instruments of the hunt which I have described.

6. The Elephant is even said to possess two hearts <sup>The</sup>  
 and to think double: one heart is the source of anger, <sup>Elephant</sup>

<sup>1</sup> δὲ καί.<sup>2</sup> <ἐξ> add. H.<sup>3</sup> Jac: πολλοί.<sup>4</sup> κατορρωγμένα.<sup>5</sup> τοῖνυν.

γε μὴν τῇ ἑτέρα. Μαυρουσίους δὲ ἄρα ἔπομαι  
λόγοις λέγων ταῦτα. ἐπεὶ τοι καὶ ἐκεῖνα οἱ αὐτοὶ  
ὕμνοισι, λύγκας <sup>1</sup> εἶναι. φασὶ δὲ αὐτὰς παρδάλεως  
μὲν ἔτι καὶ πλεον σιμάς, ἄκρα <γε> <sup>2</sup> μὴν τὰ ὦτα  
λασίους. θηρίον <δὲ> <sup>3</sup> τοῦτο ἀλτικὸν δεινῶς, καὶ  
κατασχεῖν βιαίотаτά τε καὶ ἐγκρατέστατα καρτε-  
ρόν. ἔοικε δὲ ἄρα τῷ θηρίῳ τούτῳ μαρτυρεῖν καὶ  
Εὐριπίδης τὸ ἀπρόσωπον, ὅταν που λέγῃ

ἦκει δ' ἐπ' ὤμοις ἡ σὺς φέρων βάρος  
ἢ τὴν ἄμορφον λύγκα, <sup>4</sup> δύστοκον δάκος.

ὑπὲρ οὗτου δὲ λέγει δύστοκον τοὺς κριτικούς ἐρέ-  
σθαι λῶον.

7. Περὶ στρουθοῦ δὲ τῆς μεγάλης εἶποι τις ἂν  
καὶ ἐκεῖνα. ἡ γαστήρ αὐτῆς ἀνηρημένης εὗρίσκε-  
ται καθαιρομένη λίθους ἔχουσα, οὓσπερ οὖν  
καταπιούσα ἡ στρουθὸς ἐν τῷ ἐχίνῳ φυλάττει καὶ  
πέττει τῷ χρόνῳ. Εἰεν δ' ἂν οὗτοι καὶ ἀνθρώπων  
πέψεως <sup>5</sup> ἀγαθόν, <sup>6</sup> νεῦρα δὲ τὰ ταύτης καὶ λίπος  
ἀνθρωπείων νεύρων ἀγαθὰ ἔστιν. <sup>7</sup> ἀλίσκεται μὲν  
οὖν αὕτη ὑπὸ ἵππων. <sup>8</sup> θεῖ μὲν γὰρ ἐς κύκλον,  
ἀλλ' ἐξωτέρῳ περιθέουσα. οἱ δὲ ἵππεῖς τῷ  
ἐνδοτέρῳ <sup>9</sup> ὑποτέμνονται κύκλῳ, καὶ ἔλαττον  
περιόντες ἀπειποῦσαν τῷ δρόμῳ ἀγρεύουσιν αὐ-  
τὴν χρόνῳ. λαμβάνεται δὲ καὶ τοῦτον τὸν τρόπον.  
καλιὰν ἐργάζεται ταπεινὴν ἐν τῷ δαπέδῳ, τὴν  
ψάμμον διαγλύψασα τοῖς ποσὶ. καὶ τὸ μὲν μεσαι-

<sup>1</sup> λύγκας.

<sup>3</sup> <δὲ> add. H.

<sup>5</sup> Ges: ὀψεως.

<sup>7</sup> εἶσιν.

<sup>2</sup> <γε> add. Ges.

<sup>4</sup> λύγκα.

<sup>6</sup> ἀγαθά.

the other of gentleness. In saying this I am follow-  
ing accounts given by the Moors. Moreover the  
same people constantly affirm the following, namely  
that there are lynxes, and that they are even more The Lynx  
snub-nosed than the leopard, and that the tips of  
their ears are hairy. The Lynx has a wonderful  
spring and can maintain the most vigorous and over-  
powering grip on its catch. So it seems that Euri-  
pides bears witness to the unloveliness of this beast  
when he says somewhere [*fr.* 863 N]

'And he comes bearing upon his shoulders  
either the burden of a boar, or the mis-shapen  
lynx, a ravening brute ill-conceived.'

But why he says 'ill-conceived' is rather a question  
for the grammarians.

7. Concerning the Ostrich one may also mention The Ostrich  
the following facts. If you kill an Ostrich and wash  
out its stomach it will be found to contain pebbles  
which the bird has swallowed and keeps in its  
gizzard and in time digests. And these pebbles  
are an aid to the human digestion; its sinews also  
and its fat are good for the human sinews.

Now the capture of this bird is effected by means method of capture  
of horses, for it runs in a circle keeping to the outer  
edge, but the horsemen intercept it by keeping on  
the inner side of the circle, and by wheeling in a  
narrower compass at length overtake it when it is  
exhausted with running. And here is another way to  
catch it. It builds itself a nest low down on the

<sup>8</sup> ἵππων ἀπειποῦσα τῷ δρόμῳ.

<sup>9</sup> ἐνδοτέρῳ.



τατον αὐτῆς κοιλὸν ἐστί, τὰ χεῖλη δὲ τὰ κύκλω  
 ὑψηλὰ ἐργάζεται, ἀποτερίζουσα τρόπον τινα, ἵνα  
 τὸ ἐκ Διὸς ὕδωρ ἀποστέγη τὰ χεῖλη, καὶ μὴ ἐσρέη  
 τῇ καλιᾷ, καὶ ἐπικλύζη τῆς στρουθοῦ τοὺς νεοτ-  
 τοὺς ὄντας ἀπαλούς. τίκτει δὲ καὶ ὑπὲρ τὰ  
 ὀγδοήκοντα, οὐ μὴν ἀθρόα ἐκγλύφει, οὐδὲ ἐν  
 ταύτῳ χρόνῳ πάρεισιν <sup>1</sup> ἐς τὸ φῶς πάντα, ἀλλὰ τὰ  
 μὲν ἤδη τέτεκται, ἀλλὰ δὲ ἔτι ἐν τοῖς ὥοις ὑποπῆγ-  
 νυται, <sup>2</sup> τὰ δὲ ὑποθάλλεται. ὅταν οὖν ἐν τούτοις  
 ᾗ ἐκεῖνη, θεασάμενος ἀνὴρ τις οὐκ ἄφρων ἀλλὰ  
 τῆς τοιαύτης θήρας πεπειραμένος, αἰχμὰς περὶ τὴν  
 καλιὰν πῆγνυσι τεθηγμέναις, ὀρθὰς δὲ ἄρα κατὰ  
 τοῦ σαυρωτῆρος πῆγνυσι, καὶ ὁ σιδηρὸς ἐκλαμπεῖ,  
 καὶ ἀναχωρήσας ἑλλοχᾷ τὸ πραττόμενον· ἐπάνει-  
 σιν οὖν ἐκ τῆς νομῆς ἡ στρουθὸς ἐρώσα τῶν νεοτ-  
 τῶν ἰσχυρῶς καὶ διψῶσα αὐτῶν τῆς συνουσίας.  
 καὶ τὰ μὲν πρῶτα περιβλέπει δεῦρο καὶ ἐκείσε καὶ  
 ἐλίσσεται τὸ ὄμμα, δεδοικυῖα μὴ τις αὐτὴν θεάσῃται·  
 εἰτα μέντοι νικωμένη ὑπὸ τοῦ ἡμέρου καὶ οἰστρου-  
 μένη, τὰς πτέρυγας ἀπλώσασα ὡς ἰστίον, δρόμῳ  
 φερομένη συντόνῳ καὶ ροίῳ ἐσῆλατο ἐς τὴν  
 ἑαυτῆς καλιὰν καὶ οἰκτιστὰ ταῖς <sup>3</sup> αἰχμαῖς ἐμπαλα-  
 χθεῖσα καὶ περιπαρεῖσα ἀποθνήσκει. ἐφίσταται  
 οὖν ὁ θηρατῆς καὶ ᾗρηκε σὺν τῇ μητρὶ τοὺς  
 ἐκγόνους.

8. Πόλις ἐστὶν ἐν τοῖς ὑπὸ τὴν ἐσπέραν χωρίοις  
 Ἰταλικῇ. ὄνομα αὐτῇ Πατάβιον. Ἀντήνορος ἔρ-  
 γον εἶναι λέγουσι τοῦ Τρωὸς τὴν πόλιν. ταύτην  
 δὲ ὤκισεν <sup>4</sup> ἄρα οἰκοθεν σωθεῖς, ὅτε ἀπηλλάγη τῆς

<sup>1</sup> παρῆλθον.

<sup>2</sup> ὑποπῆγνυται μέν.

ground after scooping out the sand with its feet. The centre of the nest is hollow, but it builds up the lips all round and walls off the nest so that the lips may keep out the rain and prevent it from streaming into the nest and deluging the young at a tender age. It lays over eighty eggs, but does not hatch them simultaneously, nor do they all emerge to daylight at the same time, but while some have already been born, others are still acquiring consistency within the shell. Others again are being kept warm. When therefore the Ostrich is so engaged, a man—not a witless person but one who has experience of this kind of hunting—who has seen her, fixes some sharp spears round the nest, planting them upright by the ferrule; and the iron shines. Then he withdraws and lies in wait to see the result. So the Ostrich returns from her feeding-ground full of love for her chicks and yearning to be with them. And first of all she casts her eyes around, looking this way and that for fear someone should catch sight of her. And then overcome and stimulated by her longing, she spreads her wings like a sail and rushing at full speed leaps into her nest to die a most pitiful death entangled and impaled upon the spears. Then the hunter is at hand and seizes the young birds with their mother.

8. There is an Italian city in the regions towards the west, and its name is Patavium.<sup>a</sup> They say that the city was the work of Antenor the Trojan. He founded it, having escaped with his life from his

Eels in the Eretæus

<sup>a</sup> Mod. Padua, about 20 mi. inland from Venice.

<sup>3</sup> Jac: ταῖς γάρ.

<sup>4</sup> ὤκισεν.

πατρίδος ἀλούσης τῆς Ἰλίου, αἰδεσθέντων αὐτὸν <sup>1</sup>  
τῶν Ἑλλήνων, ἐπεὶ πρεσβεύοντα τὸν Μενέλεων  
σὺν τῷ Ὀδυσσεὶ ὑπὲρ τῆς Ἑλένης ἔσωσεν,  
Ἀντιμάχου συμβουλευσάντος ἀποκτεῖναι αὐτούς.  
ἔλεγε δὲ ἄρα οὗτος ταῦτα

χρυσὸν Ἀλεξάνδροιο δεδεγμένος, ἀγλαὰ δῶρα,  
ὥς Ὀμηρὸς φησιν. οὐκοῦν τῷδε Παταβίῳ πόλις  
γειννιᾷ ἑτέρα, καὶ Βικετιαν <sup>2</sup> καλοῦσιν αὐτήν, καὶ  
παραρρεῖ ποταμὸς αὐτῇ Ἡρέταινος <sup>3</sup> ὄνομα, καὶ  
παραμείβεται οὗτος γῆν οὐκ ὀλίγην εἰτα ἐς τὸν  
Ἡριδανὸν ἐμβάλλει, καὶ ἀνακοινοῦταί <οἱ> <sup>4</sup> τὸ  
ὔδωρ. ἐν δὴ τῷ Ἡρεταίνῳ <sup>5</sup> ἐγγέλεις γίνονται  
μέγισταί τε καὶ τῶν ἀλλαχόθεν πιότεραι <sup>6</sup> μακρῶ,  
ἀλίσκονται δὲ ἄρα τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον. ἐπὶ πέτρας  
προβλήτος κάθηται ὁ θηρατῆς ἐν τινι κολποειδεῖ  
χωρίῳ, ὅπου καὶ πλατύνεται τὸ ρεῦμα ἐπὶ <sup>7</sup>  
μᾶλλον, ἢ καὶ ἐπὶ τινος δένδρου κάθηται προρρίζου  
πλησίον τῆς ὄχθης ριφέντος ὑπὸ πνεύματος σκλη-  
ροῦ, ὅπερ οὖν ὑποσῆπεται μὲν, ἀχρεῖον δέ ἐστι  
κατακοπήναι <sup>8</sup> τε καὶ ἐκκαῦσαι αὐτό. οὐκοῦν  
ἑαυτὸν ἐγκαθίσας ὁ τῶν ἐγγέλειων <sup>9</sup> ἄλιεὺς τῶνδε,  
καὶ λαβὼν ἔντερον νεοσφαγοῦς ἄρνός τριῶν μὲν ἢ  
τεττάρων πήχεων, πεπιασμένον δὲ ἰσχυρῶς, τὴν  
μὲν ἀρχὴν αὐτοῦ καθίσιν ἐς τὸ ὔδωρ, καὶ εἰλεῖται

<sup>1</sup> αὐτὸν αἰδεσθέντων.

<sup>2</sup> Ἡρέτενος.

<sup>3</sup> Ἡρετένω.

<sup>4</sup> Reiske: ἔτι.

<sup>5</sup> ἐγγελεύων.

<sup>2</sup> Βιγητιαν, Βικετιαν etc.

<sup>4</sup> <οἱ> add. Reiske.

<sup>6</sup> πιόταται.

<sup>8</sup> Lobeck: κατακτῆται.

home when he left his native land after the capture  
of Troy, because the Greeks had compassion on him,  
since he saved Menelaus who came with Odysseus  
as ambassador to treat about Helen,<sup>a</sup> when Anti-  
machus advised that they should be put to death.  
These were Antimachus's words:

'He had accepted the gold of Paris, splendid  
gifts,'

as Homer says [Il. 11. 124]. Well, there is another  
city not far away which they call Vicetia,<sup>b</sup> and past it  
there flows a river of the name of Eretaenus:<sup>c</sup> it  
traverses a considerable area and then falls into the  
Eridanus, to which it imparts its waters. Now in the  
Eretaenus there are Eels of very great size and far  
fatter than those from any other place, and this is  
how they are caught. The fisherman sits upon a  
rock jutting out in some bay-like spot on the river  
where the stream widens out, or else upon a tree  
which a fierce wind has uprooted and thrown down  
close to the bank—the tree is beginning to rot and  
is no use for cutting up and burning. So the eel-  
fisher seats himself and taking the intestine of a  
freshly slaughtered lamb which measures some three  
or four cubits and has been thoroughly fattened, he  
lowers one end into the water, and keeps it turning

<sup>a</sup> He tried to persuade the Trojans to give back Helen to  
Menelaus.

<sup>b</sup> Mod. Vicenza, 22 mi. to the NW of Padua.

<sup>c</sup> Mod. Retrone; below Vicenza it joins the Bacchiglione  
and together they flow into the sea at Venice. Ael. seems  
unaware that the Eridanus (Lat. Padus, mod. Po) is some  
30 mi. farther south and that the river Athesis (mod. Adige)  
flows between the Bacchiglione and the Po.

ἐν ταῖς δίναις στρεφόμενον, τό γε μὴν τέλος διὰ χειρῶν ἔχει, ἐμβέβληται δὲ ἐς αὐτὸ καλάμου τρύφος, ὅσον κώπην εἶναι τὸ μήκος ξίφους. οὐ μὴν λανθάνει τὰς ἐγγέλεις ἢ τροφή· χαίρουσι γὰρ τῷδε τῷ ἐντέρῳ. καὶ ἡ γε πρώτη προσελθοῦσα, οἰστρουμένη ὑπὸ τοῦ λιμοῦ καὶ περιχανοῦσα, ἐμφύει τοὺς ὀδόντας γυροῦς τε καὶ ἀγκιστρῶδεις καὶ δυσεξελίκτους ὄντας, καὶ συνεχῶς ἐπισκαίρει τε καὶ πειρᾶται καθέλκειν τὸ δέλεαρ. ὁ δὲ κραδαινομένου τοῦ ἐντέρου συνεῖς ἔχουσαι τὴν ἐγγελυν, τὸν καλάμον ᾧ τὸ ἔντερον προσήρηται ἐνθεῖς τῷ ἑαυτοῦ στόματι καὶ ὅσον<sup>1</sup> σθένει καταπνέων, φνσᾷ τὸ ἔντερον καὶ μάλα γε ἰσχυρῶς, τὸ δὲ ἐκ τοῦ καταρρέοντος πνεύματος πύμπραται καὶ οἰδαίνει.<sup>2</sup> ὁ τοίνυν ἄνεμος κατολισθάνει<sup>3</sup> ἐς τὴν ἐγγελυν, καὶ πληροῖ μὲν τοῦ πνεύματος αὐτῆς τὴν κεφαλὴν, πληροῖ δὲ τὴν φάρυγγα, καὶ ἐμφράττει τῷ θηρίῳ τὸ ἄσθμα. καὶ ἀναπνεῦσαι μὴ δυναμένη μηδὲ μὴν ἐξελεῖν τοῦ σπλάγχχνου τοὺς ἐμπεφυκότες ὀδόντας ἀποπνίγεται, καὶ ἀνασπᾶται ἀλοῦσα ὑπὸ τοῦ ἐντέρου καὶ τοῦ πνεύματος καὶ τοῦ καλάμου τρίτου. καθ' ἐκάστην μὲν οὖν δρᾶται τοῦτο, ἀλίσκονται δὲ ὑπὸ πολλῶν πολλαί. ἔστω δὴ<sup>4</sup> μοι καὶ ταῦτα τῶνδε τῶν ἰχθύων λεχθέντα ἴδια.

9. Λέοντα θαλάττιον εἰκέναι καράβῳ ἀμνηγέπῃ καὶ ἡμεῖς ἴσμεν, λεπτότερον δὲ τὴν ἔξω τοῦ σώματος ὀρώμεν αὐτὸν καὶ ὑπὸ τι καὶ κυάνου<sup>5</sup> προσβάλλοντα, νωθὴ δὲ καὶ ἔχοντα χηλὰς μεγίστας καὶ ταῖς τῶν καρκίνων προσεοικυίας κατὰ σχῆμα.

<sup>1</sup> Schn: οἶον.

<sup>2</sup> οἰδαίνει H.

in the eddies; the other end he holds in his hands, and a piece of reed, the length of a sword-handle, has been inserted into it. The food does not escape the notice of the Eels, for they delight in this intestine. And the first Eel approaches, stimulated by hunger and with open jaws, and fastening its curved, hook-like teeth, which are hard to disentangle, in the bait, continues to leap up in its efforts to drag it down. But when the fisherman realises from the agitation of the intestine that the Eel is held fast, he puts the reed to which the intestine has been attached to his mouth and blows down it with all his might, inflating the intestine very considerably. And the downflow of breath distends and swells it. And so the air descends into the Eel, fills its head, fills its windpipe, and stops the creature's breathing. And as the Eel can neither breathe nor detach its teeth which are fixed in the intestine, it is suffocated, and is drawn up, a victim of the intestine, the blown air, and thirdly of the reed. Now this is a daily occurrence, and many are the Eels caught by many a fisherman. This then is what I have to say of the habits peculiar to these fishes.

9. We also know that the Sea-lion<sup>a</sup> is in some respects like the crayfish, though we see that the shape of its body is slimmer, with an added dash of dark blue colour; but it is sluggish though possessed of enormous claws resembling those of crabs. And it

<sup>a</sup> A kind of large lobster.

<sup>3</sup> κατολισθάνει L.

<sup>4</sup> δέ.

<sup>5</sup> κυάνου μέρη τῶν ὀστράκων.

λέγεται δὲ ὑπὸ τῶν σοφωτέρων ἀλιέων ἔχειν τινὰς ὑμένας προσηρτημένους τοῖς ὀστράκοις, ὑφ' οἷς ὑμέσιν εἶναι σαρκία ἀπαλά, καὶ καλεῖσθαι ἐκεῖνον τοῦ λέοντος στέαρ ταῦτα. ὀνίνασθαι δὲ τοὺς ἀνθρώπους ἐξ αὐτῶν<sup>1</sup> ἐκεῖνα. προσώπου καθαίρει<sup>2</sup> χρῶτα θολερὸν, καὶ ἐλαίῳ ῥόδοις ἀνακραθέντι ἐμβληθέντα καὶ γενόμενα χρῆμα<sup>3</sup> ἐς ὥραν καὶ ἀγλαΐαν συμμαχεται.<sup>4</sup> προσακήκοα δὲ καὶ ἐκεῖνο, τὸν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς λέοντα δεδιέναι ἰσχυρῶς τοῦ θαλαττίου τῆς ὀφειας τὸ ἐκτράπελον, καὶ μὴ φέρειν αὐτοῦ τὴν ὁσμήν. ὡς δέδοικε δὲ καὶ ἀλεκτρύονα ὁ αὐτός,<sup>5</sup> ἀνωτέρω μοι λέλεκται. λέγουσι δὲ καὶ συντριβέντων αὐτοῦ τῶν ὀστράκων καὶ ἐμβληθείσης τῆς κόνεως ἐς ὕδωρ, πίνοντα τὸν χερσαῖον λέοντα ἐξάντη<sup>6</sup> γίνεσθαι νόσου λυπούσης αὐτοῦ τὴν κοιλίαν. εἰρήσθω δὴ<sup>7</sup> μοι καὶ ταῦτα τοῦ θαλαττίου λέοντος ἴδια.

10. "Οἱ δὲ Μαυρούσιοι, ὥκιστοι δραμεῖν, παρὰ γε τὴν πρώτην ὁρμὴν εἰσιν δξύτατοι, ὡς αὔρας τινὰ ἐμβολὴν <δοκεῖν> εἶναι ἢ καὶ νῆ Δία<sup>8</sup> πτερόν αὐτόχρημα ὀρνιθος· ταχέως δὲ κάμνουσι, καὶ αὐτοῖς οἱ πόδες ἀπαγορεύουσι, καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα ἐπιλείπει, καὶ τῆς<sup>9</sup> ὥκνητος εἰλήφασιν λήθην καὶ ἐστάσι<sup>10</sup> πεπεδημένοι, καὶ ἀφιάσι δάκρυα θαλερά, οὗ μοι δοκεῖν<sup>11</sup> ἐπὶ τῷ μέλλοντι θανάτῳ τοσοῦτον, ὅσον ἐπὶ τῇ τῶν ποδῶν ἀσθενείᾳ. τῶν μὲν οὖν ἵππων ἀποπηδήσαντες εἴτα μέντοι περιβάλλουσιν αὐτοῖς βρόχους περὶ τὴν δέρην, καὶ τῷ ἵππῳ

<sup>1</sup> αὐτοῦ.<sup>3</sup> χρῆμα.<sup>5</sup> ὁ λέων αὐτός.<sup>2</sup> καθαίρουσι.<sup>4</sup> Jac: συμμαχέσθαι.<sup>6</sup> Jac: ἔξω ἄν.

is said by the more experienced fishermen to have certain membranes attached to its shell, and beneath them are some portions of tender flesh which are called 'lobster-lard.' And these benefit mankind: they cleanse a muddy complexion, and if added to oil-of-roses and applied as an ointment, they contribute to a person's beauty and adornment. And I have also heard the following: that the Land-lion is terrified of the monstrous appearance of the Sea-lion and cannot endure the smell of it. And how the same Lion dreads a cock I have explained earlier on.<sup>a</sup> They say also that if the Sea-lion's shell be ground down and the powder cast into water, and the Land-lion drinks it, he becomes immune from troubles of the stomach. This then is what I have to say of the peculiarities of the Sea-lion.

10. The Asses of Mauretania gallop at a very great speed, at least at the start they are extremely swift: they seem like a rushing wind or, I do declare, the very wings of a bird. But they quickly tire; their feet weary; their breath fails; they forget their speed; they stand chained to the spot and shed copious tears, not, I think, so much from any fear of impending death as on account of the weakness of their feet. And so the men leap from their horses and throw halters round the Asses' necks, and each

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Ass of  
Mauretania

<sup>a</sup> See 3. 31; 6. 22.<sup>7</sup> δέ.<sup>8</sup> ὡς αὔρας . . . Δία] ἢ ὡς καὶ νῆ Δία αὔρας τινος ἐμβ. εἶναι ἢ MSS, ἢ (before ὡς) del. Reiske, καὶ νῆ Δία transposed by Jac, τινὰ H, <δοκεῖν> add. Jac.<sup>9</sup> τῆς τε.<sup>10</sup> ἐστάσι γυθεῖς.<sup>11</sup> Schn: δοκεῖ.

προσαρτήσας ἕκαστος ἄγει ὡς αἰχμάλωτον <τόν><sup>1</sup> ἑαλωκότα. ὅτι δὲ μικροὶ μὲν ἰδεῖν εἰσιν οἱ Λίβνες ἵπποι, δραμεῖν δὲ ὤκιστοι, ἀνωτέρω εἶπον.

11. Βοῶν δὲ Λιβύων πλήθος ἦν ἄρα καὶ πλεόν ἀριθμοῦ, καὶ εἰσιν ὤκιστοι οἱ ἄγριοι τε καὶ ἐλεύθεροι. καὶ οἱ γε θηράται πολλάκις σφάλλονται ἕνα διώκοντες, καὶ ἐμπίπτουσιν ἐς ἑτέρους ἀκμήτας· καὶ ὁ μὲν ἐσθὺς ἐς θάμνον ἢ νάπην ἠφάνισθη, ἕτεροι δὲ ἀναφαίνονται ὅμοιοι καὶ ἀπατῶσι τὴν ὄψιν. καὶ εἴ γέ τις ὑπάρξαιτο τούτων διώκειν τινά, προαπερεῖ<sup>2</sup> αὐτῷ ἵππῳ· τὸν μὲν γὰρ ἤδη καμόντα αἰρήσει<sup>3</sup> τῷ χρόνῳ, τοὺς δὲ αὐτῶν ἀρχομένους δρόμου προπονήσαντός οἱ τοῦ ἵππου οὐχ αἰρήσει. ἀλίσκονται δὲ ἀνὰ πᾶν ἔτος πολλοὶ καὶ ἀποθνήσκουσιν, ἧ γὰρ μὴν ἐπιγονὴ αὐτῶν διαδέχεται καὶ μάλα ἀφθόνως. ἀλῶνται δὲ σὺν τοῖς μόσχῳις καὶ οἱ ταῦροι κοινῇ καὶ αἱ θήλειαι, αἱ μὲν κύουσai, αἱ δὲ ἀρτιτόκοι.<sup>4</sup> εἰ δὲ ἔλοι τις μόσχον ἔτι νεαρόν, καὶ μὴ παραχρήμα ἀποκτείνει,<sup>5</sup> διπλοῦν κέρδος ἔξει· συνήρηκε γὰρ καὶ τὴν τεκοῦσαν αὐτόν, δράσας γὰρ ἐκεῖνα ἅπερ εἰπεῖν οὐκ ἔστιν ἄτοπον. τὸν μὲν καταδήσας σχοίνῳ ἀπολέλοιπε καὶ ἀναχωρεῖ αὐτός, ἧ δὲ τῷ πόθῳ τοῦ τέκνου τείρεται καὶ φλεγόμενη οἰστράται, καὶ βουλομένη λύσασα ἀπάγειν ἐμβάλλει τὰ κέρατα, ἵνα διαξήνῃ<sup>6</sup> τε καὶ διαστήσῃ τὰ δεσμά. ὅ τι<sup>7</sup> δ' ἂν τῶν κερμάτων ἐς τὴν τῆς σχοίνου συμπλοκὴν

<sup>1</sup> <τόν> add. Schn.

<sup>2</sup> Abresch: προαπαίρει.

<sup>3</sup> αἰρήσει τις.

<sup>4</sup> ἄτοκοι.

<sup>5</sup> ἀποκτείνει.

<sup>6</sup> διαξάνη.

<sup>7</sup> ὅτι.

<sup>a</sup> See 3. 2.

one securing an Ass to his horse, leads the one he has caught like a prisoner of war.

I have said earlier on that the horses of Libya are small in appearance but can gallop at very great speed.<sup>a</sup>

11. It seems that of Libyan Cattle there are The Wild  
Cattle of  
Libya multitudes past numbering, and those that are wild and roam at large are exceedingly swift. And it often happens that hunters in pursuit of one animal go astray and fall in with others, fresh and untired. Meantime the hunted animal has plunged into a thicket or a glen and vanished, and others appear, exactly like it, and deceive the sight of the hunter. And if he should start to pursue one of these, he and his horse as well will be the first to give up the chase, for though in course of time he will overtake an animal already weary, he will not overtake those just starting to run: his horse will tire before they do.

Every year these Cattle are caught and slaughtered in great numbers, but their offspring take their place, and they are abundant. And they roam the land with their calves, the bulls along with the cows, some in calf, others with a calf lately born. If a man captures a calf while still young and does not slaughter it forthwith, he reaps a double advantage, because he captures the mother at the same time if he does what may fittingly be described here. He makes the calf fast with cord and then leaves it and withdraws. But the cow is wasted with yearning for her child and is goaded with ardent longing, and in her desire to release and carry it off attacks the bonds with her horns, hoping to fret them away and burst them. But whichever horn she inserts into

διείρη, κατέχεται καὶ πεδηθείσα σὺν τῷ μόσχῳ καταμένει, ἐκείνον μὲν οὐκ ἀπολύσασα, ἑαυτὴν γέ μὴν ἀφύκτω τῷ δεσμῷ περιβαλοῦσα. ταύτης οὖν ὁ θηρατῆς ἐξελὼν τὸ ἥπαρ αὐτῷ καὶ τὰ οὖθατα σφριγῶντα ἐτι ἐκτεμὼν καὶ τὴν δορὰν δείρας τὰ κρέα ἀφήκεν ὄρνεσι καὶ θηρίοις δαΐτα. τὸν δὲ μόσχον οἴκαδε κομίζει πάντα· ἔστι γὰρ καὶ ἐδωδὴν ἡδιστος, καὶ πῆξαι γάλα παρέξει ὁπὸν δούς.

12. Ὁ δράκων <δ><sup>1</sup> θαλάττιός ἐστι μὲν παραπλήσιος τοῖς ἰχθύσι τοῖς ἄλλοις ὅσα ἐς τὸ λοιπὸν σῶμα, τὴν γε μὴν κεφαλὴν ἔοικε τῷ χερσαίῳ δράκοντι καὶ τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν τὸ μέγεθος (εἰσὶ γὰρ μεγάλοι καὶ τούτῳ), καὶ μέντοι καὶ αἱ γένυς<sup>2</sup> τοῖς χερσαίοις προσβάλλουσι τὴν ἑαυτῶν ἀμωσγέπως μορφήν. ἔχει δὲ καὶ φολίδας, καὶ τραχεῖαι εἰσι, καὶ τῆς δορᾶς τῆς δρακοντείου οὐ πόρρῳ δοκοῦσιν, εἴ τις προσάψαιτο· ἐκπέφυκε δὲ καὶ κέντρα χαλεπὰ αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἰὼν φέρει τὰ κέντρα, καὶ ἔστι τῷ θιγόντι οὐ χρηστά.

13. Ζώων δ' ἂν εἴη με εἰπεῖν καὶ τὸ ἴδιον αὐτῶν . . .<sup>3</sup> ὁ τῶν Ἰνδῶν βασιλεὺς ἐπιδόρπια σιτέται ταῦτα<sup>4</sup> οἷα δήπου Ἕλληνες ἐντραγεῖν αἰτοῦσι· φοινίκων <δὲ><sup>5</sup> τῶν χαμαιζήλων ἐκείνος σκώληκά τινα ἐν τῷ φυτῷ τικτόμενον σταθευτὸν ἐπιδειπνεῖ γλύκιστον, ὥς Ἰνδῶν λέγουσι λόγοι, καὶ φασι οἱ τὴν ἡδονὴν τὴν τοσαύτην ἐκ τοῦ

<sup>1</sup> <δ> add. H.

<sup>2</sup> μεγάλοι καὶ καλοί· καὶ τοῦτο μέντοι καὶ αἱ γ. μὲν most MSS, τούτῳ V.

<sup>3</sup> Some words are missing.

the tangle of cord she is caught and held fast and remains by her calf, having failed on the one hand to release it, and on the other having entangled herself in bonds from which there is no escape. So then the hunter after removing the liver for his own use and cutting off the udder, which is still swollen, and flaying the hide, leaves the flesh for the birds and beasts to feed upon. But the calf he takes home entire, for it is extremely pleasant to eat, and also affords rennet which will curdle milk.

12. The Weever resembles other fishes in all other parts of its body excepting its head, and that is like the python both in the size of its eyes (those of the python also are large) and in its jaws, which to some extent are shaped like the python's. It has scales too and they are rough, and if one handles them they feel not unlike the skin of the python. Sharp spines spring from its body, which contain poison and cause harm if one touches them.

13. . . .<sup>a</sup> The Indian King by way of dessert eats the same things as, no doubt, the Greeks would desire to eat. But according to Indian accounts he feasts with the greatest relish upon a certain worm that is begotten in the date-palm, when fried; and they say that he derives such pleasure from the eating. . . . And their accounts convince me. The

<sup>a</sup> The first sentence is defective; the general sense was perhaps: 'There are countless details that I might relate touching the characteristics of animals.' (Gow.)

<sup>4</sup> Gow: ταῦτα MSS, H.

<sup>5</sup> <δὲ> add. Gow, punctuating after αἰτοῦσι αἰτ., φ. τῶν χαμαιζήλων edd.

σιτεύσθαι . . .<sup>1</sup> καὶ ἐμέ γε αἰροῦσι λέγοντες. ἐπάϊκλα<sup>2</sup> δέ οἱ καὶ ἐκεῖνά ἐστι, κύκνων τε ὧὰ καὶ τὰ τῶν χερσαίων στρουθῶν καὶ χηνῶν. τὰ μὲν οὖν ἄλλα οὐ μέφομαι αὐτῶ,<sup>3</sup> κύκνων γε μὴν Ἀπόλλωνι μὲν λατρευόντων ὠδικωτάτων δὲ ὡς ἡ φήμη διαρρέουσα λέγει<sup>4</sup> ἐπιβουλεύειν ἐκγόνοις καὶ διαφθεῖρειν τὰ ὧὰ, ὧ<sup>5</sup> Ἴνδοι φίλοι,<sup>6</sup> οὐκέτι.

14. Λιβυστίνων γε μὴν περὶ δορκάδων καὶ κεμάδων τῶν ἐκεῖθι εἰπεῖν αἰρεῖ με θυμὸς τὰ νῦν ταῦτα. ὥκισται μὲν εἰσιν αἱ δορκάδες, καὶ ὅμως τοὺς ἵππους τοὺς Λίβυας οὐ διαδιδράσκουσι. λαμβάνονται δὲ καὶ ἄρκυσι. φαιαὶ δ' εἰσὶ τὴν γαστέρα, καὶ αὐταῖς ἦδε ἡ χροὰ ἐς τὰς λαπάρας ἀνεισι. παρ' ἐκάτερα δὲ τῆς νηδύος μέλαιναι ταινίαι καθέρπουσιν αὐταῖς. ξανθαί γε μὴν τὸ λοιπὸν σῶμά εἰσι, μακραὶ τοὺς πόδας, μέλαιναι τὸ ὄμμα, τὴν κεφαλὴν κέρασι κεκοσμημέναι, τὰ <δὲ><sup>7</sup> ὧτα αὐταῖς ἐστὶ<sup>8</sup> μήκιστα. ἡ γε μὴν καλουμένη ὑπὸ<sup>9</sup> τῶν ποιητῶν κεμὰς δραμεῖν μὲν ὥκιστη θυέλλης δίκη, ἰδεῖν δὲ ἄρα πυρρόθριξ καὶ λασιωτάτη. τὴν δὲ οὐρανὴν λευκὴν ἔχει. εἵκασται δὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς κυνάνου βαφῇ. τὰ δὲ ὧτα τριχῶν ἀνάπλω<sup>10</sup> δασυτάτων.<sup>11</sup> τὰ κέρατά τε αὐτῆς ἀντία καὶ ὠραία, ὡς ἐπιέναι μὲν τὴν θήρα,<sup>12</sup> ἐν ταύτῳ δὲ καὶ φοβεῖν ἅμα καὶ † βλάπτεισθαι καλὴν.†<sup>13</sup> αὕτη δὲ ἄρα ἡ κεμὰς οὐκ ἐπὶ γῆς μόνῃς τὴν τῶν ποδῶν ὠκύτητα ἐπιδείκνυται,<sup>14</sup>

following also are additions to his meals, the eggs of swans, of ostriches, and of geese. Now I find no fault with the others, but that he should plot against the offspring and destroy the eggs of swans, the servants of Apollo and, as the common report has it, the most tuneful of birds, is a thing, my dear Indians, that I cannot approve.

14. I have a mind now to relate the following facts touching the Gazelles and Prickets of Libya. The Gazelles are very swift-footed; for all that they cannot outrun the Libyan horses. They are also caught with nets. The belly is grey, and this colour extends upwards to their flanks; and on either side of the belly black stripes creep down their bodies. The rest of the body however is light-brown; the legs are long; the eyes black; the head is adorned with horns; the ears are very long. But the Pricket, as poets call it, 'runneth very swiftly, even as the hurricane'; in appearance it is red and very shaggy, but its tail is white; its eyes are the colour of dark blue dye; its ears are filled with very thick hair; its horns incline forwards and are graceful, so that the creature comes on and while inspiring fear, is a thing of beauty.<sup>a</sup> Now this Pricket does not display its speed only on land, but

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of Libya

<sup>a</sup> With Triller's correction the sense will be 'so that it . . . is to be admired for its beauty.' Jac. compares Ael. *VH* 13.1 [Atalanta] δύο δὲ εἶχεν ἐκπληκτικά, κάλλος ἅμαχον. καὶ συν τούτῳ καὶ φοβεῖν ἐδύνατο.

<sup>1</sup> Lacuna.

<sup>3</sup> πω.

<sup>5</sup> οἱ.

<sup>7</sup> <δὲ> add. H.

<sup>2</sup> Schn: ἐπεκλα.

<sup>4</sup> διαρρεῖ λέγουσα.

<sup>6</sup> Ἴνδοί, φίλοι? H.

<sup>8</sup> εἰσι.

<sup>9</sup> Reiske: καὶ ὑπό.

<sup>11</sup> Βαθντάτων.

<sup>13</sup> Corrupt: βλέπεσθαι Triller.

<sup>10</sup> ἀνάπλω.

<sup>12</sup> Schn: θήραν MSS, H.

<sup>14</sup> ἀποδείκνυται.

ἀλλὰ ἐμπεσοῦσα καὶ ἐς ῥεῦμα ποταμοῦ ταῖς χηλαῖς τῶν ποδῶν ὡς εἰπεῖν ἐρέττουσα εἶτα μέντοι διακόπτει τὸ ῥεῦμα. χαίρει δὲ καὶ ἐν λίμνῃ νήξασθαι, καὶ ἐνταῦθ' αὖτοι καὶ τροφήν ἴσχει, τετηγλός τε αἰεὶ θρύον καὶ κύπειρον δειπνεῖ. οὐκοῦν καὶ τὴν γαστέρα ἥρος ἀρχομένου πεπληρωμένην ὑπολαπάττει, καὶ τὰ οὖθατα<sup>1</sup> καθήκε καὶ μέντοι καὶ ἐξέθρεψε τὰ ἐαυτῆς βρέφη ἢ κεμάς.

15. Μῦρος<sup>2</sup> δὲ ἄρα ἰχθὺς πυνθάνομαι ἔστιν. ἐξ ὅτου μὲν οὖν ἐσπάσατο τὴν ἐπωνυμίαν ἐκείνην, εἰπεῖν οὐκ οἶδα· κέκληται δ' οὖν ταύτῃ. λέγουσι δὲ αὐτὸν εἶναι θαλάττιον ὄφιν. ὀφθαλμὸς δὲ ἄρα ὁ τούτου ὁπότερος οὖν ἐξαίρεθεις καὶ περιήπτον γενόμενος ἀπαλλάττει ξηρᾶς ἀνθρωπιν ὀφθαλμίας· τῷ δὲ ἄρα μύρῳ τῷδε ἀναφύεται φασιν ὀφθαλμὸς ἕτερος. δεῖ δὲ αὐτὸν ἀπολῦσαι τὸν ἰχθὺν ζῶντα, ἢ μάτην τὸν ὀφθαλμὸν ἔχων φυλάττεις.

16. Αἶγες ἄγριοι <οῖ><sup>3</sup> τὰς Λιβύων ἄκρας ἐπιστείβοντές εἰσι κατὰ τοὺς βουῖς τὸ μέγεθος ἰδεῖν, τοὺς γε μὴν μηροὺς καὶ τὰ στέρνα καὶ τοὺς τραχήλους κομῶσι θριξὶ δασυτάταις, καὶ σὺν τούτοις καὶ τὴν γένυν. τὰ μέτωπα μὲν ἀγκύλοι καὶ περιφερεῖς, καὶ τὰ ὄμματα χαροποί, σκέλη δὲ αὐτοῖς ἔστι κολοβά. κέρατα μετὰ τὴν πρώτην συμφυὴν<sup>4</sup> ἀλλήλων ἀπήρτημένα καὶ πλάγια· οὐ γάρ τίς ποῦ κατὰ τοὺς ὀρειβάτας αἶγας τοὺς ἄλλους ὀρθά ἐστι, κάτεισι δὲ ἐγκάρσια καὶ ἐς τοὺς ὤμους προήκοντα. οὕτως ἄρα μήκιστα ἔστιν. ἐκ δὲ τῶν λόφων τῶν

will plunge into a running river and cleave the stream by rowing, so to speak, with its hooves. And it loves to swim in a lake, and there, let me tell you, it obtains food and feasts upon the ever-flowering rush and galingale. So at the beginning of spring it empties its full belly; its udder drops and it suckles its young.

15. There is, I learn, a fish called *Myrus*,<sup>a</sup> but The 'Myrus' from what source it has derived its name I cannot say. At any rate that is the name by which it is called. And they say that it is a sea-snake. Now if and its eye one takes out either of its eyes and wears it as an amulet, it cures a man of dry ophthalmia; but the *Myrus*, they say, grows a fresh eye. But you must let the fish go alive, otherwise you will preserve its eye to no purpose.

16. The Wild Goats<sup>b</sup> which tread the mountain heights of Libya are about the size of oxen, but their thighs, breasts, and necks are covered with long and very shaggy hair, and so too are their jaws. Their foreheads are curved and rounded; their eyes are yellow, and their legs stumpy. Their horns, united at the beginning, part asunder and grow aslant: for they are not straight like those of other mountain goats but turn downwards obliquely and extend as far as the shoulders. Consequently they are of considerable length. And these Goats spring with

<sup>a</sup> Perhaps the *Muraena serpens*, a larger relation of the Moray.

<sup>b</sup> The 'Udad,' *Ovis lervia*.

<sup>1</sup> Bernhardtγ: ταυθοταν.

<sup>2</sup> Ges: μύρον.

<sup>3</sup> <οῖ> add. Jac.

<sup>4</sup> σύμφυσι H.



ὑπεράκρων, οὓς ἐρίπνας <sup>1</sup> οἱ τε νομεντικοὶ φιλοῦσιν ὀνομάζειν καὶ ποιητῶν παῖδες, ῥαδίως ἐς ἕτερον πᾶγον πηδῶσιν· ἀλτικώτατοι γὰρ αἰγῶν ἀπάντων οὐδὲ εἰσὶν. εἴ γε μὴν καὶ πέσοι τις πορρωτέρω ὄντος τοῦ ὑποδεχομένου <sup>2</sup> αὐτὸν ἢ ὡς ἐκείνου ἐφικέσθαι, τῷ δὲ ἄρα μελῶν περίεστι τοσοῦτον κράτος, ὡς ἀσινῇ μένειν κατενεχθέντα αὐτόν. θραύει γοῦν οὐδὲ ἓν, εἰ καὶ πέσοι κατὰ ῥωγάδος, οὐ κέρας, οὐ βρέγμα· ἔστι δὲ καρτερὰ καὶ προσόμοια τῇ τῆς πέτρας ἀντιτυπία. οἱ πλείστοι μὲν οὖν τούτων ἐν ταῖς ἀκρωρείαις αὐταῖς ἄρκυσι καὶ ἀκοντίοις καὶ ποδάγραις αἰρῶνται, σοφία δὲ ἄρα τῇ τε ἄλλῃ <ἐν> <sup>3</sup> κυνηγέταις ἀνδράσι καὶ οὖν <sup>4</sup> καὶ αἰγοθηρικῇ· <sup>5</sup> θηρῶνται δὲ καὶ ἐν πεδίοις, καὶ φυγεῖν ἐνταῦθα ἀσθενεῖς εἰσιν. αἰρήσει οὖν <sup>6</sup> αὐτοὺς καὶ ὅστις ἐστὶ βραδὺς τοὺς πόδας. ἦν δὲ ἄρα ἀγαθὸν δορά τε καὶ κέρατα· ἡ μὲν <γάρ> <sup>7</sup> δορὰ ἐν χειμῶσι τοῖς σφοδροτάτοις τὸν κρυμὸν πελάζειν οὐκ ἔα <sup>8</sup> νομεντικοῖς καὶ ὕλουργοῖς ἀνδράσι· κέρατα δὲ ἐκείνα ἀρύσασθαι καὶ πιεῖν ἐκ ποταμοῦ παραρρέοντος ἢ πηγῆς τινος ἀνατελλούσης ἐν ὥρᾳ θερείῳ χρηστὰ καὶ δίψος ἀκέσασθαι λυσitelῇ· παρέχει γὰρ ἀμυστὶ πιεῖν τῶν ἀδρῶν κυλίκων μείον οὐδὲ ἓν, ἕως ἂν ψύξης <sup>9</sup> τὸ ἄσθμα καὶ σβέσης <sup>10</sup> τὸ ὑπεκκαῖον τε πᾶν καὶ ἀναφλέγον.<sup>11</sup> οὐκοῦν εἰ τὰ ἔνδον καθαρθεῖν ὑπὸ τινος ξέειν κέρατα δεινοῦ,<sup>12</sup> καὶ τρία μέτρα ῥαδίως αὐτοῖν δέξατο τὸ ἕτερον ἄν.

<sup>1</sup> Bochart : ἐπιπλάς.

<sup>3</sup> <ἐν> add. Jac.

<sup>5</sup> αἰγοθηρίαις.

<sup>7</sup> <γάρ> add. H.

<sup>2</sup> πορρωτέρω τοῦ ὕ. ὄντος.

<sup>4</sup> γοῦν.

<sup>6</sup> γοῦν.

ease from towering pinnacles—'crag' as pastoral and poetical folk like to call them—on to another height, for they are far better at leaping than all other kinds of goat. If, however, one should happen to fall owing to the spot which should receive it being beyond its reach, it has such a reserve of strength in its limbs that it remains uninjured on landing. At any rate not a thing does it break, even though it falls down a cleft rock, neither horn nor front of the skull. But these creatures are as strong and as resistant as the stone itself. Now it is on the actual ridges that most of them are caught, by means of nets, spears, and snares, and by the general skill of a huntsman, but especially by skill in hunting the Goat. They are also caught in the plains, and there they cannot run strongly enough to escape. So even a man who is slow of foot will take them. And it seems that their hide and horns are serviceable. Thus, in the severest winters their hide keeps out the cold for herdsmen and woodcutters, while those famous horns of theirs are useful in summer time for drawing water and drinking from a flowing stream or some bubbling spring, and help to quench thirst, for they allow you to drink at one draught not a drop less than the contents of the largest cups, until you have cooled your panting heat and quenched all the fire and flame. And so if the inside is cleaned out by some skilled polisher of horns, either horn will easily contain as much as three measures.

<sup>8</sup> οὐ πελάζει καὶ MSS, οὐ πελάζειν ἔα Jac.

<sup>9</sup> ἄξη.

<sup>10</sup> σβέση.

<sup>11</sup> καὶ τὸ ἄ.

<sup>12</sup> Jac : του V, ξέειν εἰδότης κ. other MSS.

17. Εἰσὶ δὲ ἄρα καὶ χελῶναι θρέμμα Λιβύης, οὐλόταται ὅσα ἰδεῖν, ὅρειοι δὲ αὐται, καὶ ἔχουσι τὸ χελώνιον ἐς βάρβιτα ἀγαθόν.

18. Ἴππος ὅταν τέκη, τοῦ βρέφους ἐκπεφυκίαν σάρκα οὐ πολλὴν ἀλλὰ ὀλίγην ἀπηρτήσθαι οἱ μὲν κατὰ τοῦ μετώπου φασίν, οἱ δὲ κατὰ τῆς ὀσφύος, ἄλλοι γε μὴν κατὰ τοῦ αἰδοίου. ταύτην οὖν ἀποτραγοῦσα ἀφανίζει, καλεῖται δὲ τὸ σαρκίον τοῦτο ἵππομανές. οἴκτω δὲ ἄρα τῆς φύσεως καὶ ἐλέω ἐς τοὺς ἵππους δρᾶται τοῦτο. εἰ γὰρ αἰέ, φασί, καὶ διὰ τέλους προσήρτητο ἐκείνο, ἐς οἷστρον ἂν ἀκατασχέτου μίξεως ἐξήπτοντο οἱ τε ἄρρενες καὶ αἱ θήλειαι αὐτῶν. ἔστω δέ, εἰ δοκεῖ, Ἰππείου Ποσειδῶνος ἢ Ἀθηνᾶς Ἰππείας τοῦτο δῶρον ἵπποις δοθέν, ἵνα αὐτοῖς τὸ γένος διαμείνῃ,<sup>1</sup> μὴδὲ ἀφροδισίων λύττῃ διαφθείρηται. ἴσασι δὲ ἄρα ἵπποφορβοὶ τοῦτο εὖ καὶ καλῶς, καὶ ἕαν ποτε δεηθῶσι τοῦ προειρημένου σαρκίου ἐς ἐπιβουλήν τινος, ὥς ἐξάψαι οἱ ἔρωτα, τὴν ἵππον κύνουσιν παραφυλάττουσι, καὶ ὅταν τέκη παραχρῆμα ἀρπάξουσιν τὸ πωλίον, καὶ ἀποκόπτουσι τὴν προειρημένην σάρκα, καὶ ἐς ὀπλὴν ἐμβάλλουσιν ἵππου θηλείας· ἐνταυθοῖ γὰρ καὶ μόνως ἂν φυλαχθεῖη καλῶς καὶ ἀποθησαυρισθεῖη. τὸν δὲ πῶλον ἀνίσχοντι τῇ ἡλίῳ καταθύουσιν· οὐ γὰρ ἔτι θηλάζει ἡ μήτηρ αὐτὸν τὸ γνῶρισμα ἀφηρημένον καὶ τῆς εὐνοίας οὐκ ἔχοντα τὴν ὑπόθεσιν· ἐκ γὰρ τοι τοῦ κατατραγεῖν τὴν σάρκα φιλεῖν τὸ βρέφος ἡ μήτηρ ἰσχυρῶς ἀρχεται. ὅστις δ' ἂν κατὰ τινα ἐπιβουλήν ἀνῆρ

<sup>1</sup> διαμείνῃ.

17. Tortoises too are a product of Libya; they have a most cruel look, and they live in the mountains, and their shell is good for making lyres. The Tortoise of Libya

18. When a Mare gives birth, some say that a small piece of flesh is attached to the foal's forehead, others say to its loin, others again to its genitals. This piece the Mare bites off and destroys; and it is called 'Mare's-frenzy.' It is because Nature has pity and compassion on horses that this occurs, for (they say) had this continued to be attached always to the foal, both horses and mares would be inflamed with a passion for uncontrolled mating. This may, if you like, be a gift bestowed by Poseidon or Athena, the god and the goddess of horses, upon these animals to insure that their race is perpetuated and does not perish through an insane indulgence. Now those who tend horses are fully aware of this and if they chance to need the aforesaid piece of flesh with the design of kindling the fires of Love in some person, they watch a pregnant Mare, and directly she bears the foal they seize it, cut off the piece of flesh, and deposit it in a Mare's hoof,<sup>a</sup> for there alone will it be securely kept and stored away. As to the foal, they sacrifice it to the rising sun, for its dam refuses to suckle it any more now that it has lost its birth-token and no longer possesses the premise of her affection. For it is by eating that piece of flesh that the dam begins to love her offspring passionately. But any man who as a result of some plot tastes of

<sup>a</sup> For *horn* as the only substance proof against poison, cp. 10. 40, and see Frazer on Paus. 8. 18. 6.

ἐκείνου γεύσεται τοῦ σαρκίου ἔρωτι καὶ μάλα γε ἀκρατεῖ συνέχεται καὶ ἐκφρύνγεται καὶ βοᾷ, καὶ ἀκατασχέτως ὀρμᾷ καὶ ἐπὶ παιδικὰ αἰσχίστα καὶ ἐπὶ γυναικα ἀφήλκα καὶ ἀπρόσωπον, καὶ μαρτύρεται τὴν νόσον, καὶ τοῖς ἐντυχούσιν ὅπως ἐξοιστρᾶται λέγει. καὶ λείβεται μὲν τὸ σῶμα καὶ φθίνει, ἐλαύνεται δὲ τὴν ψυχὴν ἐρωτικῇ μανίᾳ. ἀκούω τοίνυν καὶ ἐν Ὀλυμπίᾳ τὴν ἵππον τὴν χαλκὴν, ἣς ἐρώσιν ἵπποι καὶ ἐπιμαίνονται καὶ ἐγχρίμπτεσθαι ἐθέλουσι καὶ χρεμετίζουσι θεασάμενοι χρεμέτισμά ἐρωτικόν, ἔχειν τὴν ἐκ τοῦδε τοῦ ἵππομανοῦς ἐπιβουλὴν ἐν<sup>1</sup> τῷ χαλκῷ γεγοητευμένῳ λανθάνουσαν, καὶ κρυφίῳ τινὶ μηχανῇ τοῦ τεχνίτου ἐπιβουλεύειν τὸν χαλκὸν τοῖς ζώσιν· μὴ γὰρ εἶναι τοσαύτην ἀκρίβειαν, ὥς οὕτως ἐξ αὐτῆς ἀπατᾶσθαι τε καὶ ἐξοιστρᾶσθαι τοὺς ἵππους τοὺς ὀρώντας. καὶ ἴσως <μὲν><sup>2</sup> λέγουσιν τι οἱ λέγοντες, ἴσως δὲ οὐδὲν λέγουσιν· ἂ δ' οὖν ἤκουσα καὶ ὑπὲρ τούτων εἶπον.

19. Λέγεται δὲ ἐν τῇ Λιβύῃ λίμνη εἶναι ζέοντος ὕδατος, καὶ ἐν τῷδε τῷ ὕδατι φασιν ἰχθύας ζῆν καὶ νήχεσθαι καὶ τροφῆς ἐμβληθείσης ἀναπάλεσθαι πρὸς τὴν τροφήν. εἰ δὲ τις αὐτοὺς ἐς ὕδωρ ἐμβάλοι<sup>3</sup> ψυχρόν, ὅτι ἀποθνήσκουσι, καὶ τοῦτο προσακήκοα.

20. Λέγουσι δὲ ἄνδρες ἀλιείας<sup>4</sup> ἐπιστήμονες, τὴν τοῦ ἵπποκάμπου γαστέρα εἴ τις ἐν οἴνῳ κατατήξειεν<sup>5</sup> ἔψων καὶ τοῦτον<sup>6</sup> δοίῃ τινὶ πιεῖν,

<sup>1</sup> τὴν ἐν.

<sup>3</sup> Jac: ἐμβάλλοι.

<sup>2</sup> <μὲν> add. H.

<sup>4</sup> ἀλιεῖς.

that piece of flesh becomes possessed and consumed by an incontinent desire and cries aloud, and cannot be controlled from going after even the ugliest boys and grown women of repellent aspect. And he proclaims his affliction and tells those whom he meets how he is being driven mad. And his body pines and wastes away and his mind is agitated by erotic frenzy.

I have heard also this story of the bronze mare at Olympia: horses fall madly in love with it and long to mount it, and at the sight of it neigh amorously. Hidden away in the charmed bronze it contains the treacherous Mare's-frenzy, and through some secret contrivance of the artist the bronze works against living animals. For it could not possibly be so true to life that horses with their eyes open should be deceived and inflamed to that extent.

It may be that those who relate the story are speaking the truth, or it may be that they are not: I have only reported what I have heard.

19. In Libya there is said to be a lake of boiling water, and in this water they say that fishes exist and swim about, and that when food is thrown into the water they leap up to get it. But I have also heard that if one casts these fish into cold water, they die.

20. Those who are expert at fishing say that if one boils and dissolves in wine the stomach of the Sea-horse and gives it to someone to drink, the wine

<sup>5</sup> κατατήξει.

<sup>6</sup> τοῦτο.

φάρμακον εἶναι τὸν οἶνον ἄηθες ὡς πρὸς τὰ ἄλλα φάρμακα ἀντικρινόμενον· τὸν γάρ τοι πίνοντα αὐτοῦ πρῶτον μὲν καταλαμβάνεσθαι λυγγὶ σφοδρότατῃ, εἶτα βήττειν ξηρὰν βήχᾱ, καὶ στρεβλοῦσθαι μὲν, ἀναπλεῖν δὲ αὐτῷ οὐδὲ ἔν, διογκοῦσθαι δὲ καὶ διοιδάνειν τὴν ἄνω γαστέρα, θερμά τε τῇ κεφαλῇ ἐπιπολάζειν ρεύματα, καὶ διὰ τῆς ῥινὸς κατιέναι φλέγμα<sup>1</sup> καὶ ἰχθυηρᾶς ὀσμῆς προσβάλλειν· τοὺς δὲ ὀφθαλμοὺς ὑφαίμους αὐτῷ γίνεσθαι καὶ πυρῶδεις, τὰ βλέφαρα δὲ διογκοῦσθαι. ἐμέτων δὲ ἐπιθυμία ἐξάπτονται φασιν, ἀναπλεῖ δὲ οὐδὲ ἔν. εἰ δὲ ἐκνικήσειεν<sup>2</sup> ἡ φύσις, τὸν μὲν <τὸ><sup>3</sup> ἐς θάνατον σφαλερὸν παριέναι, ἐς λήθην δὲ ὑπολισθαίνειν<sup>4</sup> καὶ παράνοιαν· ἐὰν δὲ ἐς τὴν κάτω γαστέρα διολίσθη, μηδὲν ἔτι εἶναι, πάντως δὲ ἀποθνήσκειν τὸν ἐάλωκότα. οἱ δὲ περιγενόμενοι ἐς παράνοιαν<sup>5</sup> ἐξοκείλαντες ὕδατος ἡμέρῳ πολλῷ καταλαμβάνονται, καὶ ὄραν διψῶσιν ὕδωρ καὶ ἀκούειν λειβομένου· καὶ τοῦτό γε αὐτοὺς καταβαυκαλᾷ καὶ κατευνάζει.<sup>6</sup> καὶ διατρίβειν φιλοῦσιν ἢ παρὰ τοῖς ἀεναίοις ποταμοῖς ἢ αἰγιαλῶν πλησίον ἢ παρὰ κρήναις ἢ λίμναις τισί, καὶ πιεῖν μὲν οὐ πάνυ <τι><sup>7</sup> γλίσχονται, ἐρώσι δὲ νήχεσθαι καὶ τέγγειν τῷ πόδε ἢ ἀπονίπτειν τῷ χεῖρε. οἱ δὲ οὐκ αὐτὴν τὴν τοῦ ἱπποκάμπου γαστέρα τούτων αἰτίαν εἶναι φασιν, ἀλλὰ νέμεσθαι τι φνικίον τὸ ζῶον πικρὸν δεινῶς, οὐ<sup>8</sup> τὴν ποιότητα<sup>9</sup> ἐς ἐκείνην μεταχωρεῖν. εὐρέθη δὲ ἄρα καὶ ἐς σωτηρίαν ἱπποκάμπος ἐπιτήδειος<sup>10</sup> ἀγχινόϊα παλαιοῦ μὲν ἀλιέως, σοφοῦ δὲ τὰ

<sup>1</sup> λεπτά.<sup>3</sup> <τὸ> add. Jac.<sup>5</sup> παράνοιαν δέ.<sup>2</sup> ἐκνικήσει.<sup>4</sup> ὑπολισθάνειν H.<sup>6</sup> κατανωστάζει.

becomes a poison abnormal in comparison with others. For the man who has tasted it is first of all seized with a most violent retching; next he is racked with a dry cough but brings up nothing at all; yet his upper stomach is enlarged and swells, while hot streams mount to his head and phlegm descends from his nose, emitting a fishy odour; his eyes turn bloodshot and fiery and the lids become puffy. He is possessed, they say, by a longing to vomit, but brings up nothing whatever. If however Nature prevails, the man escapes the threat of death but sinks gradually into a state of forgetfulness and insanity. But if the wine penetrates into his lower stomach, it is all over with him, and the victim inevitably dies. Those who survive, having drifted into insanity, are seized with a strong desire for water; they yearn to see water and to listen to it falling. This at any rate quiets them and lulls them to sleep. And they like to spend their time either by ever-flowing rivers or near the sea-shore or by the side of springs or lakes, and though they do not at all desire to drink, they love to swim and to dip their feet and to wash their hands.

But there are those who maintain that it is not the actual stomach of the Sea-horse which causes these sufferings, but that the creature feeds upon a certain kind of seaweed of extraordinary bitterness and that its essence is transferred to the Sea-horse. Notwithstanding, the Sea-horse has been found to be an efficient remedy thanks to the shrewdness of an aged fisherman who was versed in matters regarding

<sup>7</sup> <τι> add. H.<sup>9</sup> Ges: πύσητα.<sup>8</sup> ἐξ οὗ.<sup>10</sup> ἐπιτήδειον.

θαλάττια. ἦν Κρής<sup>1</sup> ἄλιεὺς γέρων, καὶ παῖδας νεανίας εἶχε καὶ τούτους ἀλιέας. οὐκοῦν συνηρέχθη τὸν μὲν πρεσβύτερον ἵπποκάμπους θηρᾶσαι μετὰ καὶ ἄλλων ἰχθύων, τοὺς δὲ νεανίας δηχθῆναι ὑπὸ κυνὸς λυττώσης, τῷ πρώτῳ δηχθέντι τῶν ἄλλων ἀμυνόντων<sup>2</sup> καὶ τῷ αὐτῷ πάθει περιπεσόντων. οἱ μὲν οὖν ἔκειντο Ῥιθύμνης<sup>3</sup> τῆς Κρητικῆς πρὸς ταῖς ἡόσιν (ἔστι δὲ αὕτη κώμη, ὥς φασιν), οἱ δὲ θεώμενοι συνήλγουν τῷ πάθει, καὶ τὴν κύνα ἀποκτείνειν προσέταττον καὶ τὸ ἥπαρ δοῦναι τοῖς νεανίαις ὡς φάρμακον τοῦ κακοῦ καταφαγεῖν, οἱ δὲ ἐς τῆς Ῥοκκαίας οὕτω καλουμένης Ἀρτέμιδος ἄγειν καὶ αἰτεῖν ἴασιν παρὰ τῆς θεοῦ. ὁ δὲ γέρων καὶ μάλα ἀδεῶς τε καὶ ἀτρέπτως ταῦτα μὲν ἐπαυεῖν<sup>4</sup> τοὺς συμβουλευσάντας εἶα, τῶν δὲ ἵπποκάμπων <τὰς><sup>5</sup> γαστέρας ἐκκαθήρας,<sup>6</sup> τὰς μὲν ὥπτῃσε καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτοῖς προσενέγκασθαι, τὰς δὲ συντρίψας ἐς ὄξος καὶ μέλι, καὶ τὰ ἔλκη περιπλάσας τούτοις τὰ τοῦ δήγματος, εἴτα τῆς τῶν νεανίων ἐκράτησε λύττης τῷ πόθῳ τοῦ ὕδατος, ὥνπερ οὖν οἱ ἵπποκάμποι αὐτοῖς ὑπεξῆπτον. καὶ τόνδε τὸν τρόπον τοὺς παῖδας ἰάσατο, ὥς μέντοι.

21. Ὑπὲρ θαλαττίων μὲν κυνῶν εἴρηται ἡμῖν καὶ πολλά· κύνες δὲ οἱ ποτάμιοι ἰδεῖν μὲν εἰσι κατὰ τοὺς κύνας τοὺς χερσαίους τοὺς μικροὺς, λάσιοι δὲ εἰσι καὶ τὴν οὐραν. λέγονται δὲ τῷ μὲν αἵματι νεῦρα ἀνθρώπων διοιδάνοντα πραῖνεν, εἰ ἐγγχείσιν<sup>7</sup> ὕδατι καὶ ὀξει ἀναμιχθέντι. ἡ δορὰ δὲ

<sup>1</sup> Gill: Κρής.

<sup>2</sup> ἀμυνάντων H.

<sup>3</sup> Μηθύμνης.

<sup>4</sup> ἐπαυῶν.

<sup>5</sup> <τὰς> add. H.

<sup>6</sup> ἐκκαθάρας καὶ ἐκβαλῶν.

<sup>7</sup> ἐγγχείς.

the sea. There was an old fisherman of Crete and he had some young sons, also fishermen. Now it so happened that the old man caught some Sea-horses along with other fish, and that the boys were bitten by a mad dog: when the first was bitten, the others who came to help him suffered the same fate. So they lay on the beach at Rhithymna<sup>a</sup> in Crete (this is said to be a village), while the spectators sympathised with their plight and gave orders for the dog to be killed and its liver to be given to the boys to eat as an antidote to the poison. Others urged that they should be taken to the temple of Artemis of Rhocca and that the goddess should be implored to heal them. But the old man, without a sign of fear, without swerving from his purpose, allowed these advisers to make their recommendations, washed out the stomachs of the Sea-horses, some of which he roasted and gave to the boys to apply, while others he pounded into a mixture of vinegar and honey, and then smeared on the wounds made by the bite, and so overcame the boys' madness by that longing for water which the Sea-horses engendered in them. And in this way he cured his sons, though it took time.

21. I have already said much regarding Dog-fish<sup>The Otter</sup> in the sea. But river Dog-fish<sup>b</sup> have the appearance of small dogs that live on land, and they even have hairy tails. And it is said that their blood, if poured into a mixture of water and vinegar, acts as an embrocation for swollen sinews. Their skin provides

<sup>a</sup> On the N coast and towards the western end of Crete.

<sup>b</sup> Gesner (*Hist. anim. : de quadrup. vivip.* (Francof. 1603), p. 683) explains this as meaning an otter.

ὑποδήματα δίδωσιν ἀγαθὰ, καὶ ταῦτα νεύρων χρηστά, ὡς φασιν.

22. Θύμαλλον δὲ ἰχθύν οὕτω καλούμενον τρέφει Τέκινος<sup>1</sup> [ποταμοῦ δὲ ὄνομα τοῦτο Ἰταλοῦ],<sup>2</sup> καὶ μέγεθος μὲν ὅσον καὶ ἐπὶ πῆχυν προήκει, ἰδεῖν δὲ μεταξὺ λάβρακος ἔστι καὶ κεφάλου. ἄξιον δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐαλωκότος θαναμάσαι τὴν ὁσμὴν· οὐ γάρ τί που προσβάλλει ἰχθυηρόν ἀέρα κατὰ τοὺς λοιπούς, ἀλλὰ εἴποις ἂν διὰ χειρῶν κατέχειν θύμον<sup>3</sup> νεωστί<sup>4</sup> τρυγηθέντα, καὶ οὖν καὶ εὖοσμός ἐστι, καὶ τις οὐκ ἰδὼν τὸ ζῶον οἰήσεται πῶαν ἔνδον εἶναι τὴν μάλιστα μελιττῶν τροφόν,<sup>5</sup> ἔνθεν τοι καὶ κέκληται. λίνω μὲν οὖν αἰρεθεῖς ἂν ῥᾶστα· δελέατι δὲ καὶ ἀγκίστρῳ οὐχ αἰρήσεις αὐτόν,<sup>6</sup> οὐχ ὑὸς πιμελῇ, οὐ σέρφῳ, οὐ χήμῃ, οὐκ ἰχθύος ἐτέρου ἐντέρῳ, οὐ στρόμβου τένοντι. κώνωπι δὲ αἰρεῖται μόνῳ, πονηρῷ μὲν ζῶῳ καὶ μεθ' ἡμέραν καὶ νύκτωρ ἀνθρώποις ἐχθρῷ καὶ δακεῖν καὶ βοῆσαι, αἶρει δὲ τὸν θύμαλλον τὸν προειρημένον· φιληδεῖ γὰρ αὐτῷ μόνῳ.

23. Ὑπὸ τῇ ποδὶ δὲ τῶν Ἀλπίων<sup>7</sup> ὁρῶν πρὸς ἄνεμον βορρᾶν ὑπὸ τῇ ἄρκτῳ . . .<sup>8</sup> οὕτω κέκληνται.<sup>9</sup> γένος δὲ οὗτοι<sup>10</sup> ἵππικοὶ ἄνδρες. ἐντεῦθεν τοι<sup>11</sup> πρόεισιν ὁ τῶν Εὐρωπαϊῶν ποταμῶν μέγιστος

<sup>1</sup> Τέκινος.

<sup>2</sup> [ποταμοῦ . . . Ἰταλοῦ] gloss, Gow.

<sup>3</sup> Schn: θύμαλλον MSS, θύμαλον H here and below.

<sup>4</sup> νεωστί τῆς γῆς.

<sup>5</sup> τροφόν τὴν προειρημένην.

<sup>6</sup> Jac: αὐτὸν ῥᾶστα.

<sup>7</sup> Ἀλπίων or Ἀλπείων.

<sup>8</sup> Lacuna.

<sup>9</sup> Reiske: κέκληται.

<sup>10</sup> τοιούτων.

<sup>11</sup> τοι <καὶ> H.

<sup>a</sup> Mod. Ticino, in the NW of Italy.

excellent shoes, and these too, they say, are good for the sinews.

22. The river Tecinus<sup>a</sup> (this is the name of a river <sup>The</sup> in Italy) breeds the fish called the Grayling. <sup>Grayling</sup> It attains to as much as a cubit in length, and in appearance is between the basse and the mullet. The odour of the fish when caught is something to astonish one, for it is not the least like the fishy odour of others, but you would say that you held in your hand some freshly plucked thyme; moreover it is sweet-scented and a man who did not notice the fish would fancy that the herb which is the bees' principal food (from which incidentally the fish *thymallus*, derives its name) was in your hand.

The easiest way to catch it is with a net; with a <sup>how caught</sup> lure and hook you will not catch it, neither with hog's fat nor with a gnat nor with a clam nor with the entrails of any other fish nor with the muscle of a spiral-shell. It is only to be caught with a mosquito,<sup>b</sup> a troublesome insect, man's enemy by day and by night with its sting and its buzzing: that will catch the aforesaid Grayling, for this is the only bait that it delights in.

23. At the foot of the Alps, facing the north wind, <sup>The Ister</sup> and beneath the Great Bear, live the people <sup>and its fish</sup> called. . . .<sup>c</sup> They are a nation of horsemen. It is in that region, you know, that the largest of the

<sup>b</sup> See W. Radcliffe, *Fishing from the Earliest Times* (Lond. 1921), pp. 185 ff.

<sup>c</sup> The name of the people is lost. Ptolemy (*Geog.* 2. 11. 6) mentions a people of the name of Οἰυσοί, Vispi, who appear to inhabit this region, and before οὕτω the word might well have fallen out. See G. B. Grundy's map *Germania*.

"Ιστρος, ἐκ πηγῶν μὲν οὐ πολλῶν, ταῖς δὲ τοῦ ἡλίου προσβολαῖς ταῖς πρώταις ἀντίος. εἶτα οἰονεῖ δορυφοροῦντες αὐτὸν ἅτε τῶν ἐπιχωρίων ρευμάτων βασιλέα συνανίσχουσιν οἱ πολλοί, καὶ ἀέναον τὸ ρεῦμα αὐτῶν ἐστί, καὶ ἴσασιν<sup>1</sup> ἐκάστου τὸ ὄνομα οἱ περιραιοῦντες αὐτοὺς. ὅταν δὲ ἐς τὸν "Ιστρον ἐμβάλωσι, τοῖς μὲν ἢ ἀπὸ γενεᾶς ἐπωνυμία πέπνυται, ἀφίστανται<sup>2</sup> γέ μὴν ἐκείνῳ τοῦ ὀνόματος, καὶ ἐξ αὐτοῦ καλοῦνται πάντες, καὶ συνεκβάλλουσιν ἐς τὸν Εὐξείνῳ. γίνεται δὲ ἐνταῦθα ἰχθύων γένη διάφορα, κορακῖνοι τε καὶ μύλλοι<sup>3</sup> καὶ ἀντακαῖοι καὶ κυπρίνοι, μέλανες οὗτοι, καὶ χοῖροι τε καὶ κόσσυφοι<sup>4</sup> ἰδεῖν λευκοί, πέρκαι τε ἐπὶ τοῦτοις καὶ ξιφίαι. πρέπουσι δὲ τῷ ὀνόματι οἱ ἰχθύες οἷδε, καὶ τὸ μαρτύριον, τὸ μὲν ἄλλο πᾶν σῶμα ἀπαλοί τε εἰς καὶ ἄλγυποι προσαπτομένῳ, καὶ ὀδόντες οἱ οὐ πᾶν τι<sup>5</sup> σκολιοὶ οὐδὲ ἀπηνεῖς ἰδεῖν, οὐκ ἄκανθα ἐπὶ τῶν γῶτων<sup>6</sup> ὀρθή, τὸ τῶν δελφίνων,<sup>7</sup> ἐκπέφυκεν, οὐ κατὰ τὸ οὐραῖον· ὁ δὲ ἐστὶ θαῦμα καὶ ἀκούσαντι καὶ ἰδόντι, ὅπ' αὐτὴν τὴν ῥίνα, δι'<sup>8</sup> ἥς καὶ ἀναπνεῖ καὶ τὸ ρεῦμα αὐτῷ διαρρεῖ ἐς τὰ βράγχια καὶ ἐκπίπτει, ἐς ὃξύ οἱ προήκει ἡ γένυς, καὶ εὐθεῖα ἐστὶ καὶ αὐξάνεται κατ' ὀλίγον ἐς μῆκος τε καὶ πᾶχος, καὶ κητουμένῳ τῷ ἰχθύϊ συναύξεται<sup>9</sup> καὶ ἐκείνη, καὶ ὅμοια

<sup>1</sup> ἴσασιν μὲν.<sup>2</sup> Ges: μυαλοί.<sup>3</sup> πᾶν ὅτ' πάντῃ.<sup>4</sup> τὸ τῶν δελφίνων del. H.<sup>5</sup> συνεπίγεται MSS, συνεπαύξεται Reiske.<sup>6</sup> Reiske: ἀφίσταται.<sup>7</sup> ἡσχοί.<sup>8</sup> τῷ γότῳ.<sup>9</sup> ἐξ.

rivers of Europe, the Ister,<sup>a</sup> rises from only a few springs and moves in a direction facing the first assaults of the sun. Later, many rivers rise with one accord as though they were escorting him—for he is the King of the rivers of that country—and flow perpetually, and those who live on their banks know the name of each one. But as soon as they discharge into the Ister, the name which they had at their birth ceases to be used, they surrender it in his favour, all are called after him, and together pour their waters into the Euxine. And there there are fish of different species, crow-fish,<sup>b</sup> myllus, sturgeon, carp (these are black), and schall and wrasse (which are white), and besides these, perch and sword-fish. These last are suited to their name, witness the fact that the rest of their body is soft and harmless to the touch, that their teeth do not appear curved and sharp, that there are no spines springing erect from their back, as in the case of dolphins,<sup>c</sup> or from their tail, but what surprises one to learn and to see is this: the jaw just below its nose, through which it breathes and through which the stream flows to the gills and falls out, is prolonged to a sharp point, is straight and increases gradually in length and in bulk; it grows also as the fish grows into a monster and resembles the beak of a trireme. And the Sword-fish makes straight for fishes, kills them, and then feeds on them, and with this same sword beats off the attacks of the largest sea-monsters. No smith has forged this weapon which grows upon the fish, and Nature has made it sharp.

<sup>b</sup> Gossen identifies this with the Danube salmon, *Salmo hucho*.<sup>c</sup> See Thompson, *Gk. fishes*, s.v. Δελφίς, p. 54 med.<sup>a</sup> Mod. Danube.

τρίηρους ἐμβόλῳ. καὶ διὰ εὐθείας <sup>1</sup> ἐμπίπτων ὁ  
 ξιφίας ἰχθύσι καὶ ἀποκτείνας εἴτα θυνάται, καὶ  
 ἀμύνεται δὲ τῷ αὐτῷ τὰ μέγιστα τῶν κητῶν. καὶ  
 ἀχάλκευτον γε τοῦτο τὸ ὄπλον προσπέφυκέν οἱ,  
 καὶ τέθηκται φύσει. οὐκοῦν οἷδε οἱ ξιφίαι ἐς  
 μέγεθος προήκοντες ἔρχονται καὶ νεὼς ἀντίοι.<sup>2</sup>  
 καὶ νεανιεύονται γέ τινας λέγοντες ναῦν Βιθυνίδα  
 ἰδεῖν ἀνασπασμένην, ἵνα αὐτῇ πονήσασα ὑπὸ γήρως  
 ἢ τρόπις τύχῃ τῆς δεούσης κομιδῆς, οὐκοῦν προση-  
 λωμένην θεάσασθαι ξιφίου κεφαλὴν.<sup>3</sup> τοῦ <γάρ> <sup>4</sup>  
 θηρὸς ἐμπήξαντος μὲν τῷ σκάφει τὴν αἰχμὴν τὴν  
 συμφυῆ, ἀποσπᾶσαι δὲ αὐτὸν πειρωμένου <sup>5</sup> ὑπὸ  
 τῆς ρύμης <sup>6</sup> τῆς πολλῆς σχισθῆναι <sup>7</sup> μὲν ἀπὸ τοῦ  
 τέοντος τὸ πᾶν σῶμα, τὴν δὲ ἐναπομεῖναι <sup>8</sup>  
 πεπηγμένην, ὡς ἐνέπεσεν ἐξ ἀρχῆς. θηράται δὲ  
 οὗτος ἄρα καὶ ἐν τῇ θαλάττῃ καὶ ἐν τῷ Ἰστροῦ,  
 χαίρει δὲ καὶ πικρῷ ὕδατι καὶ γλυκεῖ ρέματι.

24. Θέρους ἐνακμάζοντος τοῦ σφοδροτάτου οἱ  
 θαλάττιοι κύνες καὶ τὰ ἄλλα ζῶα, οἷσπερ οὖν ἐστὶ  
 συμφυῆς ἢ τόλμα, ἔς τε τοὺς αἰγιαλοὺς παραβάλλει  
 καὶ εὐθὺ τῶν κρημνῶν ἔρχεται, καὶ τὰς ροώδεις  
 ἄκρας ὑποτρέχει, καὶ ἐς τοὺς στενοὺς καὶ βαθεῖς  
 ἐσνήχεται <sup>9</sup> πορθμούς. φεύγουσι δὲ τὰ πελάγια  
 ἦθη, καὶ τῆς ἐκεῖ νομῆς τηλικαδε τῆς ὥρας  
 ὑπερορώσι. γίνεται δὲ ἄρα τι φύκος ἐν τοῖς  
 ἔρμασι τοῖς βαθέσι, καὶ τὸ μέγεθος αὐτῷ κατὰ τὴν  
 μυρίκην ἐστὶ, φέρει δὲ καρπὸν τῇ μήκωνι προσεμ-  
 φερῇ. καὶ τῶν μὲν ἄλλων ὥρων τοῦ ἔτους  
 μέμυκε, καὶ ἔστιν ἀντίτυπος καὶ στερεὸς <sup>10</sup> φύσει

<sup>1</sup> πορείας.<sup>2</sup> ἀντίον.

And so when these Sword-fish have attained a  
 considerable size they even attack ships. And there  
 are some who boast that they have seen a Bithynian  
 vessel drawn up on shore in order that the keel  
 which was suffering from age might receive the  
 necessary attention, and fixed to the keel they saw  
 the head of a sword-fish. For the creature had  
 planted the sword given it by Nature, in the vessel,  
 and when it attempted to withdraw, the whole of its  
 body was rent from the neck owing to the force of  
 the ship's onrush, while the sword remained fixed just  
 as it entered originally. So then this fish is caught  
 both in the sea and in the Ister, and it delights both  
 in salt water and in fresh streams.

24. When the summer is at its hottest, Sharks and <sup>A deadly</sup> other fish which are bold by nature approach the <sup>seaweed</sup>  
 sea-shore and make straight for cliffs and run in  
 under headlands where the current is strong and  
 swim into narrow, deep straits. They forsake their  
 haunts in the open seas and at this season neglect  
 their feeding-ground there. Now a certain sea-  
 weed <sup>a</sup> grows among deep reefs: it is about the size  
 of a tamarisk and bears fruit resembling a poppy.  
 At other seasons of the year the fruit is closed and is  
 resistant and hard like a shell; it opens however

<sup>a</sup> This has not been identified, but there is no known sea-  
 weed that is poisonous to fish, and much of Aelian's description  
 appears to be fanciful.

<sup>3</sup> τὴν τοῦ ξ. κ. αὐτοῦ.<sup>5</sup> Ges: τε αὐτὸν πειρώμενον.<sup>7</sup> Jac: ἐνοχεθῆναι.<sup>9</sup> εἰσνήχονται.<sup>4</sup> <γάρ> add. H.<sup>6</sup> Schn: ρύμης.<sup>8</sup> ἀπομεῖναι.<sup>10</sup> Ges: στερεά.



δοστρέου· ἀπλοῦται γέ μὴν μετὰ τὰς τροπὰς τὰς  
θερινὰς, ὥσπερ οὖν αἱ ἐν ῥοδωνιαῖς κάλυκες. καὶ  
τὸ μὲν περικείμενον ἔλτρον φρουρεῖ τὸ ἔνδον,  
καὶ δίκην ἔρκους<sup>1</sup> περιέρχεται· ἰδεῖν γέ μὴν  
ξανθοτάτον ἐστίν,<sup>2</sup> τὸ δὲ ὑπὸ τούτῳ τῷ χιτῶνι  
κυανοῦν<sup>3</sup> ἐστὶ χροᾶ καὶ χαῦνον, ὥσπερ οὖν  
πεπρημένη κύστις, <καὶ><sup>4</sup> διαυγές<sup>5</sup> ἄγαν, λείβεται  
τε ἐξ αὐτοῦ<sup>6</sup> πονηρὸν φάρμακον. καὶ νύκτωρ  
μὲν ἐκπέμπει τοῦτο αὐγὴν πυρὶ ἐοικύϊαν, καὶ τινὰς  
ἀφίησι μαρμαρυγὰς· ὑπανατέλλοντος δὲ τοῦ Σει-  
ρίου ἔτι καὶ μᾶλλον κατισχύει ἡ τοῦ φαρμάκου  
κακία. καὶ ἐντεῦθεν ὅσον ἐστὶν ὑδροθηρικὸν  
παγκύνιον οἱ ὄνομα θέμενοι εἶτα οἴονται τὴν τοῦ  
ἀστρου ἐπιτολὴν τίκεται αὐτό. οἱ θαλάττιοι οὖν  
κύνες πρὸς τὴν νύκτωρ τοῦ ἀνθους φαντασίαν τὴν  
φλογώδη ἐμπεσόντες<sup>7</sup> ὥσπερ οὖν ἐς ἔρμαιον<sup>8</sup> τὴν  
ἐναλον μυρικήν τήνδε, τοῦ φαρμάκου τοῦ μὲν κατα-  
δεύσαντος<sup>9</sup> αὐτοὺς, τοῦ δὲ καταποθέντος, καὶ  
έτέρου διὰ τῶν βραγχίων αὐτοῖς ἐσθορόντος, εἶτα  
μέντοι τεθνήκασιν καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀναπλέουσιν· οἱ  
τοῖνυν δεινοὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα ἀνιχνεύειν τοῦδε τοῦ  
φαρμάκου ἐκ τῶν κητῶν τῶν προειρημένων τὸ μὲν  
ἐκ τῶν μελῶν τῶν λοιπῶν, τὸ δὲ ἐκ τοῦ στόματος  
τοῦ θηρὸς ἀθροίζουσι.<sup>10</sup> δεύτερον <δὲ τὸ><sup>11</sup>  
κακὸν τοῦτο τῆς καλουμένης χειρσαίας ἀγλαοφώτι-  
δος. ὄνομα δὲ αὐτῇ ἄρα ἔθεντο καὶ κυνόσπαστον·  
καὶ τίς ἡ αἰτία, εἰάν ὑπομνησθῶ εἰπεῖν, εἴσεσθε  
αὐτήν.

<sup>1</sup> ἔρκους ὁστρακῶδες ὄν.

<sup>2</sup> περιέχεται· ἰδεῖν . . . ἐστίν, so Gow punctuates.

<sup>3</sup> κυάνεον.

<sup>4</sup> <καὶ> add. H.

after the summer solstice, like buds in rose-gardens. And the surrounding sheath protects the inside, encircling it like a barrier: it is a bright yellow colour, but the part beneath this covering is dark blue and flabby like a bladder with air in it, and is quite translucent, and from it there oozes a violent poison. By night this seaweed sends out a fiery ray and sparkles. And when the Dog-star is rising the evil power of the poison is even stronger. For that reason all fishermen have given it the name of *Pancynium* in the belief that it is the rising of the star that generates the poison. Now the Sharks fall upon the flower which by night seems to be burning, rushing at this tamarisk of the sea as if it were treasure trove, and when the poison has drenched them, some being swallowed and some having penetrated through their gills, they die and at once float up to the surface.

Now those who are skilled at investigating such matters collect this poison which emanates from the aforesaid monsters, some of it from other parts of the creature's body and some from its mouth. This poison is second only to that of the land-peony, as it is called, which people have also named *Cynospastus*. The reason for this you will learn if I remember to tell it you.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> See below, ch. 27.

<sup>5</sup> διαυγής.

<sup>6</sup> αὐτῆς.

<sup>7</sup> εἶτα ἐμπεσόντες.

<sup>8</sup> Ges: ἔρμα MSS, H.

<sup>9</sup> καταλούσαντος.

<sup>10</sup> Jac: φάρμακον ἀθροίζουσι.

<sup>11</sup> <δὲ τὸ> add. H.

25. Μυσοὶ δέ, οὐχ οἱ τοῦ Τηλέφου τὸ Πέργαμον κατοικοῦντες,<sup>1</sup> ἀλλὰ ἐκείνους τοὺς πρὸς τῷ Πόντῳ μοι νόει τοὺς κάτω, οἵπερ οὖν καὶ τῇ γῇ τῇ Σκυθίδι προσοικοῦσι τὰς ἐκείνων ἐπιδρομὰς ἀνείργοντες καὶ τῇ Ῥώμῃ τὸν χώρον τὸν προειρημένον φρουροῦντες πάντα· <τοὺς><sup>2</sup> Ἡρακλείας πλησίον· φημὶ καὶ τῶν Ἀξίου ρευμάτων.<sup>3</sup> ἐνταῦθά τοι καὶ τὴν Αἰήτου Μήδειαν οἱ ἐπιχώριοι ὑμνοῦσι τὸ ἔργον ἐκεῖνο τὸ ἐς<sup>4</sup> τὸν Ἀψυρτον τὸν ἀδελφὸν<sup>5</sup> χερσὶ κακαῖς τολμῆσαι, ναὶ μὰ Δία δυστυχῇ φήμην ἐπὶ τῇ Κόλχῳ φαρμακίδι<sup>6</sup> πρὸς ταῖς ἄλλαις ταῖς <ἐν><sup>7</sup> Ἑλλήσι τήνδε ἄδοντες οἱ Μυσοί. ἀλλὰ οὐτοί γε θήραν ἰχθύων ἐκείνην θηρώσιν. ἀνὴρ Ἰστριανὸς γένος, τὴν τέχνην ἀλιεύς, τῆς τοῦ Ἰστροῦ ὄχθης πλησίον ἐλαύνει βοῶν ζευγος, οὗ τι πον δεόμενος ἀροῦν οὗτος· ὥσπερ γάρ φησιν ὁ λόγος, μηδὲν εἶναι βοῦ κοινὸν καὶ<sup>8</sup> δελφῖνι, οὕτω τοι φιλία χερσὶν ἀλιέων καὶ ἀρότρῳ πόθεν ἂν γένοιτο; εἰ οὖν<sup>9</sup> οἱ καὶ ἵππων παρείη ζευγος, τοῖς ἵπποις χρῆται. καὶ τὸν μὲν ζυγὸν ὁ ἀνὴρ φέρει κατὰ τῶν ὤμων, ἔρχεται δὲ ἐνθα οἱ δοκεῖ καλῶς ἔχειν ἑαυτὸν καθίσαι καὶ ἐν

<sup>1</sup> κατοικοῦντες Μυσοί.

<sup>2</sup> <τοὺς> add. H.

<sup>3</sup> ρευμάτων τοῦ καλουμένου Τομέως πλησίον.

<sup>4</sup> τὸ ἐς] ταῖς MSS, πρὸς Oud.

<sup>5</sup> Oud: τῶν Ἀψύρτων τῶν ἀδελφῶν.

<sup>6</sup> Ges: φαρμακεί MSS, φαρμακῶ H.

<sup>7</sup> τοῖς ἄλλοις τοῖς Ἑ.

<sup>8</sup> ἅμα καί.

<sup>9</sup> γοῦν.

25. The people of Mysia<sup>a</sup>—not those who inhabit the Pergamum of Telephus, but you are to understand those who live by the Black Sea in the lower part and are neighbours of the Scythians whose inroads they check, and who are guardians of the aforesaid country on behalf of Rome. I am referring to those that live near Heraclea and the river Axios.<sup>b</sup> It is there, you know, that the inhabitants tell the tale of Medea, daughter of Aeetes, whose impious hands dared to commit that outrage upon her brother Apsyrtus,<sup>c</sup> for the Mysians harp on this evil report against the Colchian sorceress, besides the others that are current among the Greeks.—Well, this is the way in which these people hunt fish. An Istrian whose trade is fishing drives a pair of oxen near the bank of the Ister, but not because he has the least wish to plough, for, as the saying goes, ‘an ox and a dolphin have nothing in common;’ so in the same way what friendship can there be between a fisherman’s hands and a plough? If however he has a pair of horses he uses horses. The man carries the yoke on his shoulders and comes to a spot where he thinks it suitable to sit down and where he be-

The  
Moesians  
and their  
fishing

<sup>a</sup> I.e. Moesia Inferior, a region N of Thrace; cp. 2. 53. ‘Scythia Minor’ was the name given to the NE portion which lay along the Black Sea.

<sup>b</sup> The Axios rises in Dardania, about 145 mi. SW of M. Inferior, and flows SE into the Thermaic gulf. ‘Heraclea,’ whether ‘Lyncestis’ or ‘Sintica,’ is in Macedonia, and the latter is on (or near) the Strymon. Aelian’s geography is confused.

<sup>c</sup> Apsyrtus according to one story pursued Medea when she fled with Jason from Ioleos; according to another she took him with her—he was only a child; she murdered him and scattered his limbs in the path of Aeetes in order to delay his pursuit.

καλῶ τῆς ἄγρας εἶναι πεπίστευκε. τῆς οὖν  
 μηρύνθου στερεᾶς οὔσης καὶ ἄγαν ἐλκτικῆς<sup>1</sup> τὴν  
 μὲν ἀρχὴν ἐξήψε μέσου<sup>2</sup> τοῦ ζυγοῦ, ἄδην δὲ  
 τροφῆς παρατίθησιν ἢ τοῖς βουσὶν ἢ τοῖς ἵπποις,  
 οἱ δὲ ἐμπίπλυνται. καὶ ἐκεῖνος τῇ μηρύνθῳ κατὰ  
 θάτερα προσήψεν ἄγκιστρον ἰσχυρόν καὶ μέντοι  
 καὶ τεθηγμένον δεινῶς, περιπείρας<sup>3</sup> δὲ ἄρα αὐτῷ  
 πνεύμονα ταύρου † τεθηραμένου †,<sup>4</sup> μεθήκε τροφὴν  
 Ἰστριανῶ σιλούρω καὶ μάλα γε ἡδίστην, ὑπὲρ τοῦ  
 συνδέοντος τὸ ἄγκιστρον λίνου ἐξάψας τὸν ἀρκοῦντα  
 μόλιβον, οἷον ἐς τὴν ἔλξιν εἶναι ἔρμα αὐτοῦ.<sup>5</sup> ὁ  
 τοῖνυν ἰχθὺς ὅποτ' ἀίσθηται τῆς ταυρείου βορᾶς,  
 παραχρῆμα κατὰ τὴν ἄγραν ὀρμᾷ· εἰτα ὦν ἱμείρει  
 τοῦτοις ἐντυχῶν ἀθρόως καὶ περιχανὼν ἄδην καὶ  
 ἀταμιεύτως τὴν ἐμπεσοῦσάν οἱ κακὴν δαῖτα· ἐς  
 ἑαυτὸν σπᾷ. εἰτα ὑφ' ἡδονῆς ἐλκόμενος<sup>6</sup> ὅδε ὁ  
 γάστρις ἑαυτὸν διαλέληθε τῷ πρόειρημένῳ περι-  
 παρεῖς ἄγκιστρῳ, καὶ ἀποδρᾶναι τὸ ἐμπέσον κακὸν  
 διψῶν τὴν μήρυνθον ὡς ἔχει δυνάμειος ὑποταράττει  
 τε καὶ κινεῖ. συνίστησιν οὖν ὁ θηρατῆς καὶ ἡδονῆς  
 ὑπερεμπίπλυνται, εἰτα τῆς ἔδρας ἀνέθορε, καὶ  
 μεθήκεν ἑαυτὸν ποταμίων τε ἔργων καὶ κυνηγεσίων  
 ἐνύδρων, ὥσπερ δὲ ἐν δράματι ὑποκριτῆς ἀμείβας  
 προσωπεῖον ὁ δὲ τῷ βόε ἐλαύνει ἢ τῷ ἵππῳ, ἀλκῇ  
 δὲ ἄρα καὶ ἡ τοῦ κήτους καὶ ἡ τῶν ὑποζυγίων  
 ἀντίπαλός ἐστιν. ὁ μὲν γὰρ θῆρ ὁ τοῦ Ἰστρου  
 τρόφιμος ἔλκει κάτω ὅσον ποτὲ ἄρα τῆς ἐν αὐτῷ  
 ῥώμης ἔχει, τὸ μέντοι ζεύγος τὸ ἀνθέλκον ἐκτείνει  
 τὴν μήρυνθον. ἀλλὰ οἱ πλέον οὐδὲ ἐν τῆς γούνης  
 ἐπ' ἀμφοῖν ἔλξεως ὁ ἰχθὺς ἡττᾶται, καὶ ἀπειπῶν

believes he is well placed for fishing. One end of his  
 rope, which is stout and thoroughly capable of stand-  
 ing a strain, he attaches to the middle of the yoke.  
 He provides ample fodder for the oxen or the  
 horses, and they eat their fill. And to the other end  
 of the rope he attaches a strong hook which has been  
 well sharpened, and on this he spits the lungs of a  
 bull, and lets them down as food, and indeed its  
 favourite food, for the Sheat-fish in the Ister, after  
 fastening above the point where the rope secures the  
 hook enough lead to prevent it from being dragged  
 away. So directly the fish notices the bulls' meat  
 he rushes to seize it. Then, finding what he wants,  
 all at once with jaws agape he recklessly tugs at the  
 deadly meal which has come to him. Next, this  
 glutton, drawn on by his enjoyment, is spitted on  
 the aforesaid hook before he knows it, and in his  
 eagerness to escape the disaster that has befallen  
 him he agitates and shakes the rope with all his  
 might. So when the hunter is aware of this he is  
 filled with joy; he leaps from his seat, abandons his  
 labours in the river and his watery pursuits, and like  
 an actor in a play changing his mask, sets his pair  
 of oxen or horses in motion, and there ensues a trial  
 of strength between the monster and the beasts of  
 burden. For the creature bred in the Ister exerts  
 a downward pull with all the strength at his com-  
 mand, while the pair of beasts pulling in the opposite  
 direction makes the rope taut. But it avails the fish  
 nothing: at any rate he is defeated in the tug-of-

<sup>1</sup> Valck: ἐκτικῆς.

<sup>2</sup> μέσου τῶν ζώων.

<sup>3</sup> περιείρας.

<sup>4</sup> Corrupt: ἐδ τεθραμμένον Jac.

<sup>5</sup> Gow: αὐτόν MSS, H.

<sup>6</sup> Cobet: ἐλιττόμενος MSS, H.

ἐλκεται κατὰ τῆς ῥόγος. εἴποι ἂν Ὀμηρίδης δρυῶν στελέχη ἔλκειν ἡμιόνους τινάς, ὡς ἐπὶ τῇ Πατρόκλου ταφῇ Ὀμηρος ᾄδει ταῦτα δήπου τὰ ὑμνούμενα.

26. Ἔστι δὲ ἄρα τῷ Ἰστρῷ καὶ κόλπος οἷος βαθύτατος, καὶ ἔοικε τῇ θαλάττῃ τὴν πολλὴν περίοδον. καὶ μέντοι <καὶ> βάθους <ὅτι><sup>1</sup> εὖ ἤκει ὅδε ὁ κόλπος καὶ ἐκείνο τεκμηριῶσαι ἱκανόν. αἱ ναῦς αἱ φορτίδες αἱ τὴν θάλατταν περῶσαι καὶ ἐνταῦθα κατακολπίζουσι,<sup>2</sup> πεφρίκασιν δὲ καὶ τοῦτον ὡς θάλατταν, ὅταν ἀγριαίνῃται ὑπὸ τῶν καταπνεόντων ἀνέμων ἐς κύματα ἐξαπτόντων τε αὐτὸν καὶ ἐκμαιώντων. πεφύκασιν δὲ ἄρα ἐν αὐτῷ καὶ νῆσοι καὶ μέντοι καὶ τινας<sup>3</sup> τῆς ὄχθης ὑποδρομαὶ ἐς ἃς ἔστι καταφυγεῖν. ἀλλὰ καὶ ἄκται καὶ ἄκραι προήκουσι, καὶ προσρήγνυται αὐταῖς καὶ περισχίζε-ται κλύδων ἀγριος, ἥνικα ἂν<sup>4</sup> ἑαυτοῦ μάλιστα ὑποπλησθεὶς εἶτα ἐς τὴν θάλατταν οἶονεὶ στενοχωρούμενος ὠθῇται. φιλεῖ δὲ ἄρα δρᾶν τοῦτο ἤδη τρίτης<sup>5</sup> ὥρας φθινοπωρινῆς παραδραμούσης, ὑπαρχομένης δὲ τῆς χειμερίου, καὶ ἀκμάσας αὐτὸς πρόεισι πλημμυρῶν. πληθύνοντα δὲ ἄρα βορρᾶς ἐπωθεῖ αὐτόν, καὶ ἐξάπτει κατιέναι ἀγριον. καὶ ὁ μὲν καταφέρει<sup>6</sup> ὡς ἐς πλοῦν ἀγώγιμον τὸν καθ' ἑαυτοῦ κρύσταλλον, ὁ δὲ ἀντιπίπτει ὁ βορρᾶς αὐτῷ καταπνέων σκληρόν <καὶ> μάλα γε κρυμῶ-δες. οὐκουν αὐτῷ<sup>7</sup> ἐκβάλλειν ἐς τὸ πέλαγος

<sup>1</sup> <καὶ> βάθους <ὅτι> add. H.

<sup>2</sup> κατακολπίζουσι χρεῖα τῶν περιουκούντων δηλονότι.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ τινας μέντοι καί.

<sup>4</sup> δ' ἂν.

war, gives up, and is hauled ashore. A student of Homer might say that mules were hauling tree-trunks, as Homer sings [*Il.* 23. 110] in the celebrated tale of the funeral of Patroclus.

26. There is also in the Ister a bay of immense depth and like the sea in its wide compass. Moreover that this bay attains a considerable depth is sufficiently proved by the following fact: merchant vessels which cross the sea put in to this bay and, when the bay is angered by the winds that blow and lash it into waves and drive it mad, are just as afraid of it as they are of the sea. And there are also islands in it, and even creeks along the shore into which one can run for safety. There are besides, promontories and capes running out, on which the waves in their fury dash and burst whenever the river at its very fullest is, as it were, forced into a narrow space as it presses on to the sea. This commonly occurs when the third autumnal season<sup>a</sup> is past and the winter season is setting in and the river is running in full flood. And as it rises the north wind urges it forward and causes it to descend in fury. And the stream carries down the ice it contains as though for an easy voyage.<sup>b</sup> But the north wind opposes it with its violent and icy blasts: it does not permit it to discharge into the

The Ister  
in winter

<sup>a</sup> That is, φθινοπωρον.

<sup>b</sup> Or 'for a voyage of commerce'?

<sup>5</sup> Ges: τετάρτης MSS, del. H.

<sup>6</sup> καταφέρει μάλα γε κρυμῶδες καὶ σκληρόν ὡς εἰς . . . καταπνέων σκληρόν MSS; <καὶ> add. H, transposing μάλα γε κρ.

<sup>7</sup> αὐτόν.

<τὴν><sup>1</sup> ὠδῖνα ὡς ἂν εἴποις ἐπιτρέπει, ἀλλ' ἀναχέων<sup>2</sup> καὶ ἀνωθούμενος ἴσσησιν.<sup>3</sup> ὁ κρύσταλλος οὖν ἐπινηχόμενός<sup>4</sup> τε καὶ ἀναστελλόμενος ἐς βάθος χωρεῖ καὶ ἀδρύνεται ἐς πολὺ· καὶ ἐντεῦθεν ὑπορρεῖ μὲν τοῦ Ἰστροῦ<sup>5</sup> τὸ γνήσιον ὕδωρ ὁδοῖς ὡς ἂν εἴποις κρυπταῖς, τὸ δὲ ἐπικτητόν οἱ καὶ νόθον ἐπικείται πεδίου δίκην, καὶ κατὰ τούτου τηνικάδε τῆς ὥρας ὁδοιποροῦσιν οἱ τῆδε ἄνθρωποι κατὰ ζεύγη καὶ μόνιμποι.<sup>6</sup> ὅπως<sup>7</sup> μὲν οὖν ἐλέγχει τε καὶ βασανίζει τὴν πῆξιν τοῦ ποταμοῦ τοῦδε καὶ τοῦ Θρακίου Στρυμόνος τὸ πονηρόν τε καὶ δολερὸν θηρίον ἢ ἀλώπηξ, ἀνωτέρω εἶπον· ὁ δ' οὖν κρύσταλλος ὁ ἐν τῷ Ἰστροῦ καὶ νηὶ φορτηγῷ κατὰ ῥοὴν φερομένη περιτραφεῖς εἶτα ἐπέδησεν αὐτήν, καὶ οὔτε ἰστίων ἡπλωμένων ἔτι δεῖ, οὔτε <ὁ><sup>8</sup> πρωράτης τὰ πρόσω βλέπει, οὔτε ὁ τῆς νεῶς ἄρχων ἐπιστρέφει τοὺς οἰακας· πεπήγασι γάρ, ἐπεὶ καὶ τὸ πᾶν σκάφος τῷ περικείμενῳ κατεῖληπται δεσμῷ, καὶ ἔοικεν οὐ μὰ Δία νηί,<sup>9</sup> οὐ γὰρ ἔτι τοῖς κύμασι τύπτεται, ἀλλὰ ἐν πολλῷ <τῷ><sup>10</sup> πεδίῳ λόφῳ τινὶ ἀνεστῶτι ἢ καὶ νῇ Δία σκοπιᾷ ἄκρᾳ.<sup>11</sup> ἐνταῦθ' αὖτε καὶ οἱ περὶ νεῶς καὶ οἱ ναῦται ἐκπηδῶσι καὶ κατὰ τοῦ ποταμοῦ θέουσι, καὶ ἀμάξας ἄγουσι καὶ τὸν φόρτον μετήραν ἐπὶ τοῦ τείως ὕδατος. καὶ πάλιν μετὰ τὴν χειμέριον ὥραν τοῦ αὐτοῦ φερομένου σφοδρῶς φέρουσιν<sup>12</sup> τε καὶ ἄγουσιν τὰ ἄχθη<sup>13</sup>. μένει δὲ ἡ ναὺς ἔστ' ἂν

sea what you might call its offspring, but causes it to overflow, resists it, and brings it to a halt. So the ice which is floating and checked sinks and solidifies to a great depth. In consequence the Ister's own water flows beneath, along what you might call hidden channels, while the newly acquired and alien surface resembles a plain, and at this season of the year the people thereabouts travel along it driving a pair or on horseback. Now the way in which that mischievous and crafty animal the fox tests and examines this river and the Strymon in Thrace to see if they are frozen, I have described earlier on.<sup>a</sup> Well, the ice on the Ister freezes hard even round a merchant vessel on its way downstream and imprisons it: it is no use to spread the sails; the man at the prow looks no more ahead; the ship's captain cannot move the rudders to and fro; they are fixed fast, for the whole vessel is caught in the surrounding fetters and looks, I declare, not like any ship, for it is no longer beaten by the waves, but like some hill rising from a wide expanse of plain or for all the world like some lofty watch-tower. Thereupon the passengers and the sailors jump out and hurry down the river and fetch wagons and transfer the cargo on to what was lately the water. Then again when the winter season is over and the river begins to flow strongly they still carry their loads. But the ship remains

<sup>a</sup> See 6. 24.

<sup>1</sup> <τὴν> add. H.

<sup>2</sup> ἀνακωχέων H.

<sup>3</sup> Reiske: ἴσσην.

<sup>4</sup> ἀνιεργόμενος H.

<sup>5</sup> ὁ Ἰστρος.

<sup>6</sup> Jac: μονίμποις.

<sup>7</sup> Jac: ὅπως.

<sup>8</sup> <ὁ> add. H.

<sup>9</sup> Gill: νήσω.

<sup>10</sup> <τῷ> add. H.

<sup>11</sup> Grasberger: σκοπιᾷ ἢ ἄκρᾳ MSS, H.

<sup>12</sup> παραφέρουσι.

<sup>13</sup> ἄχθη καὶ τὸν Ἰστρον παροῦσι βόες MSS; Jac would place the words καὶ . . . βόες after ὕδατος above.

ὑπανῇ μὲν τὰ τοῦ κρυμοῦ, τακῇ<sup>1</sup> δὲ ὁ κρύσταλλος καὶ λυθῇ, ἐλευθέρα δὲ τοῦ παραδόξου πείσματος ἢ ὀλκᾶς ἀπολυθῇ. ἐνταυθὰ τοι τοῦ καιροῦ καὶ οἱ ἄλκις μακέλλας λαβόντες, ἐνθα αὐτοὺς ἄγει θυμὸς διακόπτουσι τὴν πῆξιν τοῦ ὕδατος, καὶ τάφρον κυκλοτερῇ ἐργάζονται κατιοῦσαν<sup>2</sup> ἐς τὸ ὕδωρ· εἴποις ἂν ἡ φρέατος εἶναι στόμα ἢ μεγίστου πίθου καὶ πάνυ γαστριδος. οὐκοῦν ἰχθύες πολλοὶ τὸν κρύσταλλον<sup>3</sup> διαδρᾶναι θέλοντες οἴονει στέγην ἐπικείμενον<sup>4</sup> καὶ ποθοῦντες τὸ φῶς ἀσμένως ἐς τὸ ἀνεωγμένον στόμον ἐσένεουσι, καὶ γίνονται πλήθος ἅμαχοι, καὶ ἐπωθοῦνται ἀλλήλοις, αἰροῦνται δὲ ἅτε ἐν βόθρῳ στενῷ ῥαδίως. καὶ πάρεστι λαβεῖν κυπρίνους τε καὶ κορακίνοὺς ἄδην καὶ πέρκας καὶ ξιφίαν, ἀλλ' οὐπω μέγαν καὶ ἐτι τοῦ κέντρου τοῦ προμετωπιδίου ἄμοιρον· καὶ ἀντακαῖον, καὶ τοῦτον ἀπαλόν, ἐπεὶ οἱ γε μεγάλοι καὶ προήκοντες τὴν ἡλικίαν γένοιντο ἂν καὶ κατὰ τὸν θύνον τὸν μέγιστον. οὗτός τοι καὶ πύοτατός ἐστι τὰς λαπάρας καὶ τὴν γαστέρα, καὶ φαίης ἂν ὑὸς οὐθατα<sup>5</sup> εἶναι θηλαζούσης βρέφη. δορὰν δὲ ἔχει τραχεῖαν, καὶ μέντοι καὶ τὰ δοράτα λεαίνουσι ταύτῃ δορυξόοι. ὑπὸ δὲ τῷ μυελῷ τοῦδε τοῦ ζώου ἀρξάμενος ἐκ μέσης τῆς κεφαλῆς μέχρι<sup>6</sup> τῆς οὐρᾶς καθήκων ὑμῇ ὑγρὸς καὶ στενὸς ἔρχεται. τοῦτον οὖν πρὸς τὴν εἰλην αὖτον ἐργασάμενος ἔξεις εἰ ἐθέλεις<sup>7</sup> μαστίγα<sup>8</sup> ὡς ἐλαύνειν ζεύγος ἵππων· σκύτους<sup>9</sup> γὰρ ἢ τι<sup>10</sup> ἢ οὐδὲν διαφέρει. ἐς μέγεθος δὲ ἥδη προήκων, οὐκ ἂν αὐτὸν θεάσαιτό τις ὑπεκδυόμενον τοῦ κρυστάλλου καὶ ἐμπίπτοντα ἐς τὸν βόθρον, ἀλλ' ἢ πέτραν

<sup>1</sup> καμῇ.  
<sup>3</sup> κρυμόν.

<sup>2</sup> κατιόντες.  
<sup>4</sup> ἐπικειμένον.

stationary until the frost relaxes and the ice melts and is dissolved, and the merchant vessel, freed from its strange cable, is released.

At that season fishermen also take picks and hack <sup>Fishing in winter</sup> through the ice wherever they feel inclined, and contrive a circular hole reaching down to the water. You would say that it was the mouth of a well or of a huge, very pot-bellied jar. Thereupon multitudes of fish wishing to escape from the ice which is pressing down upon them like a roof, and longing for the light, swim joyfully up to the opening that has been made, and come in crowds past numbering and jostle one another, and being in a confined hole are easily captured. And it is possible to catch carp and crowfish in abundance and perch and the swordfish, though the last-named is not yet fully grown and is still without the frontal spike; sturgeon too, young and tender, for the large ones of mature age may be the size of the biggest tunny. The Sturgeon <sup>The Sturgeon</sup> is extremely fat along the sides and the belly; you might say they were the dugs of a sow that was suckling its young. It has a rough skin and spear-makers actually polish their spear-shafts on it. Beneath the spinal marrow of this creature a supple, narrow membrane beginning at the middle of the head, runs down as far as the tail. Now if you let this dry in the sun you will obtain, should you wish it, a whip to drive a pair of horses with. For it differs hardly at all from a leather thong. When however the fish has grown to its full size one would not see it emerging from the ice and falling into the

<sup>5</sup> οὐθρα MSS., οὐθα edd.

<sup>6</sup> καὶ μέχρι.

<sup>7</sup> θέλεις.

<sup>8</sup> Reiske: καὶ μαστίγα.

<sup>9</sup> Jac: ζεύγος.

<sup>10</sup> τι.

ὑπελθὼν πολυσκεπῇ<sup>1</sup> ἢ ἐν ἄμμῳ βαθείᾳ ἑαυτὸν ἐγκρύψας εἰτα ὑποθάλλει καὶ μάλα ἀγαπητῶς. δέεται δὲ οὔτε πῶς τηλικάδε οὔτε ἰχθύος ἐς βορὰν ἑτέρου, κρυμοῦ δὲ ὄντος ἀργὸς εἶναι ἐθέλει, καὶ τέρπεται<sup>2</sup> τῇ σχολῇ, καὶ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ πιμελὴν ἐσθίει, ὥσπερ οὖν καὶ<sup>3</sup> οἱ πολύποδες ἐν ἀθηρία τῶν πλεκτανῶν τῶν ἰδίων παρατραγόντες ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἐκεῖνοι βόσκουσι. χειμῶνος δὲ λήγοντος καὶ ὑπαρχομένου ἡρος καὶ ἐλευθέρου τοῦ Ἰστρου ῥέοντος μισεῖ τὴν ἀργίαν καὶ ἀναπλεύσας ἐμφορεῖται τοῦ κατὰ τὸ ὕδωρ ἀφροῦ· πολλὸς δὲ οὗτός ἐστι μορμύροντος τοῦ<sup>4</sup> ῥεύματος καὶ ὠθουμένου σφοδρότατα. ἐνταυθὰ τοι καὶ ἀλίσκεται ῥαδίως, ἔλλοχάντων αὐτὸν τῶν ἀλιέων καὶ τὸ ἄγκιστρον ἐς τὸν ἀφρὸν καθιέντων σὺν τῇ ὀρμῇ. καὶ τὸ μὲν κρύπτεται ὑπὸ τῇ λευκότητι, καὶ <ῇ><sup>5</sup> αἴγλη τοῦ χαλκοῦ εὐσύνοπτός<sup>6</sup> οἱ<sup>7</sup> οὐκ ἔστι, καὶ διὰ ταῦτά τοι περιχανῶν καὶ λάβρως σπῶν τοῦ προεῖρημένου σιτίου καταπίνει τὸν δόλον, καὶ ἀπόλωλεν ἐντεῦθεν ὅθεν τὰ πρῶτα ἐτρέφετο.

27. Ὄνομα φυτοῦ κυνόσπαστος (καλεῖται δὲ ἄρα καὶ ἀγλαόφωτις ἢ αὐτή· βούλομαι γὰρ ἐκτίσαι χρέος ὑπομνηθεῖς) ὃ μεθ' ἡμέραν μὲν ἐν τοῖς ἄλλοις διαλέληθε καὶ οὐκ ἔστι πάντῃ<sup>8</sup> σύνοπτον, νύκτωρ δὲ ἐκφαίνεται καὶ διαπρέπει, ὥς ἀστὴρ· φλογώδης γάρ ἐστι καὶ ἔοικε πυρί. οὐκοῦν σημείον τι ταῖς ῥίζαις παραπήξαντες αὐτῆς ἀπαλλάττονται, οὔτε τὴν χροάν ἔχοντες μεθ' ἡμέραν εἰ μὴ τοῦτο δράσαιεν μνημονεῦσαι οὔτε μὴν τὸ εἶδος.

<sup>1</sup> πολυσκεπῇ εὖρεν.  
<sup>8</sup> καὶ ὥσπερ οὖν Η.

<sup>2</sup> Gill: τρέφεται.  
<sup>4</sup> δὲ τοῦ.

<sup>5</sup> <ῇ> add. Jac.  
<sup>7</sup> Jac: οἷον.

<sup>6</sup> Reiske: εὐσύνοπτον.  
<sup>8</sup> πάντῃ.

hole, but either it slips beneath some all-sheltering rock or buries itself in deep sand and is only too glad to keep warm. And at that time it needs no vegetation, no other fish to eat, but prefers to remain inactive while the frost lasts, and is happy to be idle and consumes its own fat, just as octopuses also when unable to catch any prey nibble their own tentacles and feed off themselves. But when winter is over and spring is beginning and the Ister is flowing freely, it hates to be inactive and, swimming up to the surface, takes its fill of the foam on the water, and there is foam in abundance as the stream roars and boils in violent tumult. Then is the time when it is easily captured as the fishermen lie in wait for it and let down hook and line into the foam. The whiteness of the foam conceals the hook and the brightness of the bronze is invisible to the fish; hence, as it opens its jaws and takes a heavy draught of the aforesaid food, it swallows the bait and meets its death from the very thing that before sustained it.

27. There is a plant of the name of *Cynospastus* (it is also called *Aglaophotis* (peony): I have remembered and wish to fulfil my obligations<sup>a</sup>) which by daytime passes unnoticed among the rest and is hardly visible, but at night it becomes visible and shines out like a star, for it is of a fiery nature and like a flame. Therefore men plant some mark near the roots and then go away, for if they did not do this they would be unable by day to remember either the colour or even

The Peony,  
how plucked

<sup>a</sup> See above, ch. 24.

παρελθούσης δὲ τῆς νυκτὸς ἤκουσι, καὶ θεασάμενοι τὸ σημεῖον ὅπερ οὖν κατέλιπον καὶ γνωρίσαντες ἔχουσι συμβαλεῖν ὅτι ἄρα τοῦτο ἐκεῖνό ἐστιν οὐ καὶ δέονται, ἐπεὶ τοι τελέως<sup>1</sup> ὁμοῖόν ἐστι τοῖς παρῆ-  
 τώσι καὶ οὐδὲ ὀλίγον διαλλάττει αὐτῶν. οὐκ ἀνασπῶσι δὲ αὐτοὶ τὸ φυτὸν τόδε, ἢ οὐ χαίρησουςι πάντως. οὐκ οὐτε περισκάπτει τις οὐτε ἀνασπᾷ, ἐπεὶ καί, φασί, τὸν πρώτιστον ὑπ' ἀπειρίας τῆς κατ' αὐτὸ φύσεως προσαψάμενον οὐκ ἐς μακρὰν ἀπώλεσεν. ἄγουσιν οὖν κύνα νεανίαν ἡμερῶν ἀτροφήσαντα καὶ λιμώττοντα ἰσχυρῶς, καὶ τούτου σπάρτον ἐξάψαντες εἰς μάλα στερεὸν καὶ τῆς ἀγλαοφώτιδος τῷ κάτω στελέχει βρόχον τινα δύσλυτον προσαρτήσαντες ὡς οἰοί τε εἰσι μακρόθεν, εἰτα τῷ κυνὶ προτιθέασι κρέα πάμπολλα ὁπτα κνίσσης προσβάλλοντα. ὁ δὲ ὑπὸ τοῦ λιμοῦ φλεγόμενος καὶ στρεβλούμενος ὑπὸ τῆς κνίσσης ἐπὶ τὰ προκείμενα ἄττει<sup>2</sup> κρέα, καὶ ὑπὸ ῥύμης<sup>3</sup> αὐτόρριζον ἀνασπᾷ τὸ φυτόν. ἐπὶ δὲ ὁ ἥλιος ἰδὼν τὰς ρίζας, ὁ κύων ἀποθνήσκει παραχρῆμα. θάπτουσι δὲ ἐν αὐτῷ τῷ χώρῳ<sup>4</sup> αὐτόν, καὶ τινες δράσαντες ἀπορρήτους ἱεουργίας καὶ τιμήσαντες τοῦ κυνὸς τὸν νεκρὸν ὡς ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν τεθνεώτος εἰτα μέντοι προσάψασθαι τολμῶσι τοῦ φυτοῦ τοῦ προειρημένου, καὶ κομίζουσιν οἴκαδε. καὶ κατα-  
 χρώνται φασιν ἐς πολλὰ καὶ λυσιτελεῖ. ἐν δὲ τοῖς καὶ τὴν ἐκ τῆς σελήνης νόσον ἐνσκήπτειν τοῖς ἀνθρώποις λεγομένην ἰᾶσθαι φασιν αὐτήν, καὶ τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν τὸ πάθος, ὅπερ οὖν ὑγροῦ ἐπικλύσαντος καὶ παγέντος<sup>5</sup> ἀφαιρεῖ τὴν ὄψιν αὐτοῦς.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> τοί γε ἄλλως.<sup>2</sup> Reiske: ὑπ' ὀδύνης.<sup>3</sup> Reiske: ἐναντι.<sup>4</sup> χωρίῳ.

the appearance of the plant. But when the night is over they come and see the mark which they left and recognise it and are able to guess that this is the very plant that they need; for otherwise it is completely like the plants all round it, differing from them not one whit. But they themselves do not pull up this plant; if they did they would certainly regret it. Accordingly no one either digs round it or pulls it up, for (they say) the first man who in ignorance of its nature touched it, was destroyed by it shortly afterwards. And so they bring a strong dog that has not been fed for some days and is ravenously hungry and attach a strong cord to it, and round the stalk of the Peony at the bottom they fasten a noose securely from as far away as they can; then they put before the dog a large quantity of cooked meat which exhales a savoury odour. And the dog, burning with hunger and tormented by the savour, rushes at the meat that has been placed before it and with its violent movement pulls up the plant, roots and all. But when the sun sees the roots the dog immediately dies, and they bury it on the spot, and after performing some mysterious rites and paying honour to the dead body of the dog as having died on their behalf, they then make bold to touch the aforesaid plant and carry it home. It is useful, they say, for many purposes; for instance, it is said to cure the disease with which the moon is reputed to afflict men;<sup>a</sup> also that affliction of the eyes in which moisture floods them and then congeals and so robs them of their sight.<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Known as σεληνιασμός, epilepsy.<sup>b</sup> I.e. cataract, ὑπόχρους.<sup>5</sup> παγέντος.<sup>6</sup> Schn: αὐτοῖς.



28. Κόχλος ἐστὶ θαλάττιος, μικρὸς μὲν τὸ μέγεθος, ἰδεῖν δὲ ὠραιότατος, καὶ ἐν θαλάττῃ τίκτεται τῇ καθαρωτάτῃ καὶ ἐν ταῖς ὑφάλοις πέτραις καὶ ἐν ταῖς καλουμέναις χοιράσιν. ὄνομα δὲ νηρίτης ἐστὶν αὐτῷ, καὶ διαρρεῖ λόγος διπλοῦς ὑπὲρ τοῦδε τοῦ ζώου, καὶ ἐς ἐμέ γε ἀφικέσθην ἄμφω τῷ λόγῳ, καὶ μέντοι καὶ διαμυθολογήσαι μικρὰ ἅττα ἐν μακρᾷ τῇ συγγραφῇ οὐδὲν ἄλλ' ἢ διαναπαῦσαι τε τὴν ἀκοήν καὶ ἐφηδῦναι τὸν λόγον. τῷ Νηρεῖ τῷ θαλαττίῳ, ὃν περ οὖν ἀληθῆ τε καὶ ἀψευδῆ ἀκούομεν δεῦρο αἰεὶ, πεντήκοντα μὲν θυγατέρας τὴν Ὠκεανοῦ Δωριῶδα Ἡσίοδος ἄδει τεκεῖν· μέμνηται δὲ αὐτῶν καὶ Ὅμηρος ἐν τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μέτροις. ἕνα δὲ οἱ γενέσθαι παῖδα ἐπὶ ταῖς τοσαύταις θυγατράσιν ἐκείνοι μὲν<sup>1</sup> οὐ φασι, λόγοι δὲ θαλάττιοι ὕμνοισι. καὶ Νηρίτην αὐτὸν κληθῆναι λέγουσι καὶ ὠραιότατον γενέσθαι καὶ ἀνθρώπων καὶ θεῶν, Ἀφροδίτην δὲ συνδιαιωμένην ἐν τῇ θαλάττῃ ἡσθῆναί τε τῷ Νηρίτῃ τῷδε καὶ ἔχειν αὐτὸν φίλον. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἀφίκετο χρόνος <ὁ><sup>2</sup> εἰμαρμένος, <καθ' ὃν><sup>3</sup> ἔδει τοῖς Ὀλυμπίοις ἐγγραφῆναι καὶ τήνδε τὴν δαίμονα τοῦ πατρὸς παρακαλοῦντος, ἀνιούσαν αὐτὴν ἀκούω καὶ τὸν ἐπαῖρόν τε καὶ συμπαῖσιν τὸν αὐτὸν ἐθέλειν ἄγειν. τὸν δὲ οὐχ ὑπακοῦσαι λόγος ἔχει τοῦ Ὀλύμπου προτιμῶντα τὴν σὺν ταῖς ἀδελφαῖς καὶ τοῖς γεωγαμένοις διατριβήν. παρῇν δὲ ἄρα αὐτῷ καὶ ἀναφῦσαι πτερά, καὶ τοῦτο ἐγῶμαι δῶρον τῆς Ἀφροδίτης δωρουμένης· ὁ δὲ καὶ ταύτην παρ' οὐδὲν ποιεῖται τὴν χάριν. ὀργίζεται τοῖνυν ἡ Διὸς παῖς, καὶ ἐκείνῳ μὲν ἐς τὸν κόχλον τόνδε ἐκτρέπει τὴν μορφήν, αὐτῇ δὲ αἰρεῖται ὀπαδόν τε καὶ

28. There is in the sea a shellfish with a spiral shell, small in size but of surpassing beauty, and it is born where the water is at its purest and upon rocks beneath the sea and on what are called sunken reefs. Its name is *Nerites*: two stories are in circulation touching this creature, and both have reached me; moreover the telling of a short tale in the middle of a lengthy history is simply giving the hearer a rest and sweetening the narrative. Hesiod sings [*Th.* 233] of how Doris the daughter of Oceanus bore fifty daughters to Nereus the sea-god, whom to this day we always hear of as truthful and unlying. Homer also mentions them in his poems [*Il.* 18. 38]. But they do not state that one son was born after all that number of daughters, though he is celebrated in mariners' tales. And they say that he was named *Nerites* and was the most beautiful of men and gods; also that Aphrodite delighted to be with *Nerites* in the sea and loved him. And when the fated time arrived, at which, at the bidding of the Father of the gods, Aphrodite also had to be enrolled among the Olympians, I have heard that she ascended and wished to bring her companion and play-fellow. But the story goes that he refused, preferring life with his sisters and parents to Olympus. And then he was permitted to grow wings: this, I imagine, was a gift from Aphrodite. But even this favour he counted as nothing. And so the daughter of Zeus was moved to anger and transformed his shape into this shell, and of her own accord chose in his place for her attendant and servant Eros, who also was young

The *Nerites*:  
two myths

<sup>1</sup> μὲν οὖν.

<sup>2</sup> <ὁ> add. H.

<sup>3</sup> <καθ' ὃν> add. H.

θεράποντα ἀντ' ἐκείνου τὸν Ἑρωτα, νέον καὶ τοῦτον καὶ καλόν, καὶ οἱ τὰ πτερὰ τὰ ἐκείνου δίδωσιν· ὁ δὲ ἄλλος λόγος ἐρασθῆναι βοᾷ Νηρίτου Ποσειδῶνα, ἀντερᾶν δὲ τοῦ Ποσειδῶνος, καὶ τοῦ γε ὑμνουμένου Ἀντέρωτος ἐντεῦθεν τὴν γένεσιν ὑπάρξασθαι. συνδιατρίβειν οὖν τὰ τε ἄλλα τῷ ἐραστῇ τὸν ἐρώμενον ἀκούω καὶ μέντοι καὶ αὐτοῦ ἐλαύνοντος κατὰ τῶν κυμάτων τὸ ἄρμα τὰ μὲν κήτη τᾶλλα καὶ τοὺς δελφίνας καὶ προσέτι καὶ τοὺς Τρίτωνας ἀναπηδᾶν ἐκ τῶν μυχῶν καὶ περισκικτᾶν τὸ ἄρμα καὶ περιχορεύειν,<sup>1</sup> ἀπολείπεσθαι δ' οὖν<sup>2</sup> τοῦ τάχους τῶν ἵππων πάντως<sup>3</sup> καὶ πάντῃ· μόνα δὲ ἄρα τὰ παιδικὰ οἱ παρομαρτεῖν καὶ μάλα πλησίον, στόρνυσθαι δὲ<sup>4</sup> αὐτοῖς καὶ τὸ κῦμα καὶ δίστασθαι τὴν θάλατταν αἰδοῖ Ποσειδῶνος· βούλεσθαι γὰρ τῇ τε ἄλλῃ τὸν θεὸν εὐδοκμεῖν τὸν καλὸν ἐρώμενον καὶ οὖν καὶ τῇ νήξει<sup>5</sup> διαπρέπειν· τὸν δὲ Ἥλιον νεμεσῆσαι τῷ τάχει τοῦ παιδὸς ὁ μῦθος λέγει, καὶ ἀμείψαι οἱ τὸ σῶμα ἐς τὸν κόχλον τὸν νῦν,<sup>6</sup> οὐκ οἶδα εἰπεῖν ὁπόθεν ἀγριάναντα· οὐδὲ γὰρ ὁ μῦθος λέγει. εἰ δέ τι χρή συμβαλεῖν ὑπὲρ τῶν ἀτεκμάρτων, λέγουσι<sup>7</sup> ἂν ἀντερᾶν Ποσειδῶν καὶ Ἥλιος. καὶ ἡγανάκτει μὲν ἴσως ὁ Ἥλιος ὡς ἐν θαλάττῃ φερόμενος,<sup>8</sup> ἐβούλετο δὲ<sup>9</sup> αὐτὸν οὐκ ἐν τοῖς κήτεσιν ἀριθμείσθαι, ἀλλ' ἐν ἀστροῖς φέρεσθαι. καὶ τῷ μὲν μύθῳ ἐς τοσοῦτον ἐληξάτην· ἐμοὶ δὲ τὰ ἐκ τῶν θεῶν ἴλεα ἔστω, καὶ τὰ γε παρ' ἐμοῦ ἔστω πρὸς αὐτοὺς εὐστομα. εἰ δέ τι θρασύτερον εἴρηται τοῖς μύθοις, ἐκείνων τὸ ἔγκλημα.

<sup>1</sup> περιχορεύειν, ὃ καὶ Ὅμηρος ἐν Ἰλιάδι [13.27] λέγει ἡμῖν.

<sup>2</sup> γοῦν.

<sup>3</sup> πάντας.

<sup>4</sup> δὲ ἄρα.

<sup>5</sup> τὴν ἔξιν MSS, νήξιν Schn.

and beautiful, and to him she gave the wings of Nerites.

But the other account proclaims that Poseidon was the lover of Nerites, and that Nerites returned his love, and that this was the origin of the celebrated Anteros (mutual love). And so, as I am told, for the rest the favourite spent his time with his lover, and moreover when Poseidon drove his chariot over the waves, all other great fishes as well as dolphins and tritons too, sprang up from their deep haunts and gambolled and danced around the chariot, only to be left utterly and far behind by the speed of his horses; only the boy favourite was his escort close at hand, and before them the waves sank to rest and the sea parted out of reverence to Poseidon, for the god willed that his beautiful favourite should not only be highly esteemed for other reasons but should also be pre-eminent at swimming.

But the story relates that the Sun resented the boy's power of speed and transformed his body into the spiral shell as it now is: the cause of his anger I cannot tell, neither does the fable mention it. But if one may guess where there is nothing to go by, Poseidon and the Sun might be said to be rivals. And it may be that the Sun was vexed at the boy travelling about in the sea and wished that he should travel among the constellations instead of being counted among sea-monsters. Thus far the two fables; but may the gods be good to me, and for my part let me observe a religious silence regarding them. But if my fables have said anything overbold, the fault must be laid to their charge.

<sup>6</sup> γοῦν.

<sup>8</sup> Jao: φερόμενος.

<sup>7</sup> Jao: λέγονται.

<sup>9</sup> τε.

29. Ἐνθα ὁ Τάναρος <sup>1</sup> ποταμὸς καὶ ὁ Ἡριδανὸς συμβάλλετον (οὗτος μὲν καὶ διὰ δόξης ἰὼν καὶ κλέους, ἐκείνος δὲ οὐ πάνν τι <sup>2</sup> γνώριμος) ἐνταῦθά τοι θήραι ναὶ μὰ Δία ἰχθύων ἴδιαι καὶ ἐς ἐμὲ ἤκουσαι μέτροις Μυτιληναίου <sup>3</sup> ἀνδρός, ὃν ἤδην καὶ αὐτός, μηδὲ ἐξ ἡμῶν ἀγέραςτοι γενέσθωσαν τῷ λόγῳ τῷδε. πεπεδημένων αὐτοῖς ὑπὸ κρυστάλλου τῶν ρευμάτων ὅσοι περιουκοῦσιν αὐτοὺς τῇ μὲν ὥρᾳ τῇ χειμερίῳ ἀροῦσιν τε καὶ σπείρουσι· καὶ γὰρ πως καὶ εὐγενὴν χώραν κεκλήρωνται. εἰτα ὑπαρχομένου τοῦ ἡρος, τῶν ρευμάτων τῶν προειρημένων δι' ἣν αἰτίαν εἶπον ἔτι ἐσώτων, κολπώδη τινὰ τόπον προαιροῦνται οἱ γεωργοὶ τεῶς, νῦν δὲ ἀλιεῖς, καὶ περιτέμνουσι τοῦτον εὖ μάλα τεθηγμένοις πελέκεσι, καὶ τὸ ὕδωρ ἀναφαίνεται περιφερὲς κατὰ τέλμα· οὐ μὴν πλησίον ἔτι τῆς ὄχθης κόπτουσιν, ἀλλὰ ἕως τὸν κρύσταλλον ὡς ἐξ ἀρχῆς ἐνετράφη· περιβάλλουσιν οὖν τῷ χώρῳ τῷ γεγυμνωμένῳ πλατὺ δίκτυον, καὶ μέντοι καὶ περιβάλλουσιν αὐτῷ <sup>4</sup> κάλων ἀδρότερον. καὶ τοῦτό γε τὸ δίκτυον ἐπισπῶσιν ἄνδρες ἐπὶ τῆς ὄχθης ἐσώτες, καὶ ἀλιεῖς καὶ ἄλλοι· καὶ μέντοι <καὶ> <sup>5</sup> τὴν τῶν ἰχθύων ἄλωσιν θεῶνται πολλοὶ τῆς τέχνης οὐκ ἐπαίοντες, ψυχαγωγία δέ τις ὑπείσιν αὐτοῦς· ὅταν γε μὴν ἀγόμενοι τῆς ὄχθης πλησίον ἀφίκωνται, τηνικαῦτα καὶ τὸν ἐνταῦθα τέμνουσι κρύσταλλον οἱ ἕξωθεν ὑδροθῆραι· τῇ γάρ τοι θήρᾳ ἐνέχονται, καὶ ἀναστέλλουσι <sup>6</sup> τοῖς ἰχθύσι τὸν ἕξω πόρον. τούτου δὲ οὕτω γενομένου πλήρες ἰχθύων τὸ δίκτυον ἐκείνῳ τὴν περιτμηθεῖσαν ἐπωθεῖ τοῦ

<sup>1</sup> Jac: Ταίναρος.

<sup>3</sup> Μυτιληναίου.

<sup>2</sup> πάντη.

<sup>4</sup> Oud: αὐτό.

29. At the spot where the Tanarus <sup>a</sup> and the Eridanus meet (the latter has achieved renown and fame, whereas the former is hardly known at all) an altogether peculiar manner of fishing is in vogue; it has come to my knowledge through the poems of a man of Mytilene, an acquaintance of my own, and must not pass without a tribute in my narrative.

When the rivers have become ice-bound those who live in their neighbourhood plough and sow in the winter season, for it is their lot to possess a fertile land. Then at the beginning of spring while the aforesaid rivers are still immobile for the reason that I explained, the erstwhile farmers now fishermen select some spot like a bay and with well-sharpened hatchets cut round it so that a circle of water, like a pond, appears. They do not however cut close to the bank as yet but leave the ice as it froze originally. So then they throw a wide net round the space which they have laid open, and round the net a stoutish rope. This net is drawn in by men standing on the shore, fishermen and others, and there are many who though they know nothing of the art, watch the fish being caught: they feel a certain fascination in it. But as the men are drawn in <sup>b</sup> and approach the bank, then the fishermen on the dry land cut the ice there also, for they have an interest in the capture and try to prevent the fish from escaping. When this has been done as described, the net, full of fish, pushes the block of ice

<sup>a</sup> Mod. Tanaro; an important tributary of the Po, which it joins just below Valenza in Piedmont.

<sup>b</sup> I.e. the men standing on the island of ice, as explained in the following sentence.

<sup>5</sup> <καὶ> add. H.

<sup>6</sup> Reiske: ἀναστέλλονται.

κρυστάλλου πέτραι καὶ συνεπάγει,<sup>1</sup> καὶ οἱ γε  
ἐφεστῶτες ἀλιεῖς αὐτῇ εἰκόασιν ἐπὶ νήσου φέρεσθαι  
πλωτῆς. ἴδια μὲν δὴ καὶ ταῦτα ἰχθύων τῶν  
ἐκέισε καὶ θήραις ἐτέραις οὐκ ἂν εἰκασμένα.  
δώσει δὲ Ὅμηρος εἰπεῖν μοι ὅτι καὶ διπλοῦν  
αἰροῦνται μισθὸν οἷδε οἱ ἄνδρες, τὸν μὲν ἐκ τοῦ  
ποταμοῦ, τὸν δὲ ἐκ τῆς γῆς, ὡς τοὺς αὐτοὺς εἶναι  
καὶ ναύτας καὶ γεωργούς.

<sup>1</sup> Ges: συνεπάγη.

that has been cut round and draws it along with it,  
while the fishermen who are standing on the block  
look as if they were being carried along on a floating  
island. Such is the peculiar method of catching the  
fish there and quite unlike any other. And Homer  
will allow me to say that these men earn a double  
wage [*Od.* 10. 84], one from the river and another  
from the land, since the same men are both mariners  
and farmers.



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1. Θήραν ἰχθύων Μακέτιν ἀκούσας οἶδα, καὶ ἦδε ἡ θήρα ἐστὶ. Βεροίας τε καὶ Θεσσαλονίκης μέσος ρεῖ ποταμὸς ὄνομα Ἀστραῖος. εἰσὶν οὖν ἐνταῦθα ἰχθύες τὴν χροάν κατὰστικτοι· τίνας <δὲ><sup>1</sup> αὐτοὺς οἱ ἐπιχώριοι καλοῦσι, Μακεδόνας ἐρέσθαι λῶόν ἐστιν. οὐκοῦν οὗτοι ποιοῦνται τροφήν μυίας ἐπιχωρίους ἐν τῷ ποταμῷ πετομένας οὐδὲν τι ταῖς ἀλλαχόθι μυαῖς προσεικασμένας οὐδὲ μὴν σφηκῶν ὅψει παραπλησίας, οὐδ' ἂν εἴποι τις ταῖς καλουμέναις ἀνθηδόσι<sup>2</sup> τὴν μορφήν εἰκότως ἂν ἀντικρίνεσθαι τοῦτο τὸ ζῶον οὐδὲ ταῖς μελίτταις αὐταῖς· ἔχει<sup>3</sup> δὲ τινα τῶν προειρημέ- νων ἐκάστου μοῖραν ἰδίαν. ἔοικεν<sup>4</sup> οὖν τὸ μὲν θράσος μυία,<sup>5</sup> τὸ δὲ μέγεθος εἴποις ἂν ἀνθηδόνα, σφηκὸς δὲ τὴν χροάν ἀπεμάζατο, βομβεῖ δὲ ὡς αἱ μέλιτται. καλοῦσι δὲ ἵππουρον αὐτὴν πᾶν ὅσον ἐστὶν<sup>6</sup> ἐπιχώριον. ἐκζητοῦσιν<sup>7</sup> οὖν ἐπικείμεναι<sup>8</sup> τῷ ρεύματι τροφήν τὴν ἑαυταῖς<sup>9</sup> φίλην, οὐ μὴν δύνανται τοὺς ὑπονηχομένους<sup>10</sup> λαθεῖν ἰχθύας. ὅταν οὖν<sup>11</sup> αὐτῶν<sup>12</sup> ἐπιπολάζουσιν τὴν μυῖαν θεάσχηται τις, ἡσυχῇ καὶ ὕψυδρος νέων ἔρχεται,

<sup>1</sup> <δὲ> add. H.

<sup>3</sup> ἔχουσι.

<sup>5</sup> μυαῖς.

<sup>7</sup> Jac: ἐκδιαιτῶσιν.

<sup>9</sup> ἑαυτοῖς.

<sup>2</sup> Ges: ἡμέρεσι.

<sup>4</sup> εὐόκασιν.

<sup>6</sup> Schm: εἰσίν.

<sup>8</sup> ἐπικείμενοι.

<sup>10</sup> Abresch: ἐπινηχομένους.

BOOK XV

1. I have heard and can tell of a way of catching Fly-fishing in Mace- donia  
fish in Macedonia, and it is this. Between Beroea and Thessalonica there flows a river called the Astraeus.<sup>a</sup> Now there are in it fishes of a speckled hue, but what the natives call them, it is better to enquire of the Macedonians. Now these fish feed upon the flies of the country which flit about the river and which are quite unlike flies elsewhere; they do not look like wasps, nor could one fairly describe this creature as comparable in shape with what are called *Anthédones* (bumble-bees), nor even with actual honey-bees, although they possess a distinctive feature of each of the aforesaid insects. Thus, they have the audacity of the fly; you might say they are the size of a bumble-bee, but their colour imitates that of a wasp, and they buzz like a honey-bee. All the natives call them *Hippurus*.<sup>b</sup> These flies settle on the stream and seek the food that they like; they cannot however escape the observation of the fishes that swim below. So when a fish observes a *Hippurus* on the surface it swims up noiselessly under water for fear of disturbing the surface and to

<sup>a</sup> Astraeum is the name of a town, but no river Astraeus is known; presumably the Axios is intended.

<sup>b</sup> This is one of the species *Stratiomys*, known as 'Soldier-fishes.'

<sup>11</sup> γούν.

<sup>12</sup> αὐτοῦ.

κινήσαι τὸ ἄνω δεδοικῶς ὕδωρ, ἵνα μὴ σοβήσῃ τὸ θήραμα. εἶτα ἔλθων πλησίον κατὰ τὴν σκιάν αὐτῆς, ὑποχανὼν κατέπιε τὴν μυῖαν, ὥς οἷν ἐξ ἀγέλης<sup>1</sup> λύκος ἀρπάσας ἡ χήνα ἐξ αὐλῆς ἀετός· καὶ τοῦτο δράσας ὑπεσῆλθε τὴν φρίκην. ἴσασιν οὖν οἱ ἀλιεῖς τὰ πραττόμενα, καὶ ταῖσδε μὲν ταῖς μυῖαις ἐς δέλεαρ τῶν ἰχθύων χρῶνται οὐδὲ ἔν· ἐὰν γὰρ αὐτῶν προσάψῃται χεὶρ ἀνθρωπίνη, ἀφήρηται μὲν τὴν χροάν τὴν συμφυῇ, μαραίνεται δὲ αὐταῖς τὰ πτερά τὰ ἄβρωτοι γίνονται τοῖς ἰχθύσι, καὶ διὰ ταῦτα οὐ προσίασιν αὐταῖς, ἀπορρήτῳ φύσει τὰς ἡρημένας μεμισηκότες· σοφία δ' οὖν περιέρχονται τοὺς ἰχθὺς ὑδροθηρικῇ, δόλον αὐτοῖς ἐπινοήσαντες οἷον. τῷ ἀγκίστρῳ περιβάλλουσιν ἔριον φοινικοῦν, ἡρμοσταὶ τε τῷ ἔριῳ δύο πτερά ἀλεκτρυόνος ὑπὸ τοῖς καλλαίοις<sup>2</sup> πεφυκότα καὶ κηρῷ τὴν χροάν προσεικασμένα·<sup>3</sup> ὄργυιās δὲ ὁ κάλαμός ἐστι, καὶ ἡ ὄρμις δὲ τοσοῦτον ἔχει τὸ μῆκος. καθιᾶσιν οὖν τὸν δόλον, ἐλκόμενος δὲ ὑπὸ τῆς χροᾶς ὁ ἰχθύς καὶ οἰστρώμενος ἀντίος ἔρχεται, καὶ θοῇν ὑπολαμβάνων ἐκ τοῦ κάλλους τῆς ὀψεως ἕξειν θαυμαστήν, εἶτα μέντοι περιχανὼν ἐμπαλάσσεται τῷ ἀγκίστρῳ, καὶ πικρᾶς τῆς ἐστιάσεως ἀπολέλαικεν ἡρημένος.

2. Οἱ θαλάττιοι κριοί, ὧν περ οὖν ὄνομα μὲν ἐς τοὺς πολλοὺς διαρρεῖ, ἱστορία δὲ οὐ πάνυ τι<sup>4</sup> σαφής, εἰ μὴ<sup>5</sup> ὅσον χειρουργία<sup>6</sup> δέκνυνται, χεῖμάζουσι μὲν περὶ τὸν Κύρκειον τε καὶ Σαρδῶν

<sup>1</sup> ἀγέλων.

<sup>3</sup> παρεικασμένα.

<sup>5</sup> εἰ μὴ] ἢ.

<sup>2</sup> Reiske: καλλέοις.

<sup>4</sup> πάντη.

<sup>6</sup> γραφῇ χειρουργία καὶ πλάσματος.

avoid scaring its prey. Then when close at hand in the fly's shadow it opens its jaws and swallows the fly, just as a wolf snatches a sheep from the flock, or as an eagle seizes a goose from the farmyard. Having done this it plunges beneath the ripple. Now although fishermen know of these happenings, they do not in fact make any use of these flies as baits for fish, because if the human hand touches them it destroys the natural bloom; their wings wither and the fish refuse to eat them, and for that reason will not go near them, because by some mysterious instinct they detest flies that have been caught. And so with the skill of anglers the men circumvent the fish by the following artful contrivance. They wrap the hook in scarlet wool, and to the wool they attach two feathers that grow beneath a cock's wattles and are the colour of wax. The fishing-rod is six feet long, and so is the line. So they let down this lure, and the fish attracted and excited by the colour, comes to meet it, and fancying from the beauty of the sight that he is going to have a wonderful banquet, opens wide his mouth, is entangled with the hook, and gains a bitter feast, for he is caught.<sup>a</sup>

2. Ram-fishes,<sup>b</sup> whose name has a wide circulation, although information about them is not very definite except in so far as displayed in works of art, spend the winter near the strait between Corsica and

<sup>a</sup> This is the first clear mention of fishing with an artificial fly. But see 12. 43n. Martial, over a hundred years before, had referred to the use of a fly (5. 18. 8 *quis nescit | avidum uorata decipi scarum musca?*), but it need not have been artificial.

<sup>b</sup> An unknown sea-monster. . . . From the second part of the story *κρῖος* has been conjectured to be . . . perhaps . . . the Killer Whale' (Thompson, *Gk. fishes*).

πορθμόν, καὶ φαίνονται γε καὶ ἕξαλοι. περινήχονται δὲ ἄρα αὐτοὺς καὶ δελφίνες μεγέθει μέγιστοι. ὁ τοίνυν ἄρρην κριὸς, λευκὴν τὸ μέτωπον ταινίαν ἔχει περιθέουσιν (εἵποις ἂν Λυσιμάχου τοῦτο διάδημα ἢ Ἀντιγόνου ἢ τινος τῶν ἐν Μακεδονίᾳ βασιλέων ἄλλου). κριὸς δὲ θήλυς, ὡς οἱ ἀλεκτρυόνες τὰ κάλλαια,<sup>1</sup> οὕτω τοι καὶ οὗτος ὑπὸ τῇ δέρῃ ἡρτημένους πλοκάμους ἔχει. ἀρπάζει δὲ ἄρα τοῖνδε τοῖν κριοῖν ἐκάτερος νεκρὰ<sup>2</sup> σώματα, καὶ ποιεῖται τροφήν αὐτά. ἀλλὰ καὶ ζῶντας ἀρπάζει,<sup>3</sup> καὶ τῷ τῆς νήξεως κλύδωνι, πολὺς ὢν καὶ ὑπέρογκος, καὶ ναὺς περιτρέπει, χειμῶνα αὐταῖς ἐξ ἑαυτοῦ τοσοῦτον<sup>4</sup> ἐργασάμενος. ἀρπάζει δὲ καὶ <τοὺς><sup>5</sup> ἀπὸ γῆς ἐστῶτας τῆς πλησίον. λέγουσι δὲ οἱ τὴν Κύρνον κατοικοῦντες, νεὼς διεφθαρμένης ἐν χειμῶνι ἄνδρα εἰς μάλα νηκτικὸν πολλὴν θάλατταν διανύσαντα λαβέσθαι τινὸς ἄκρας σφίσιν ἐπιχωρίου, καὶ ἀνελθόντα ἐστάναι καὶ μάλα ἀδεῶς, <ὡς><sup>6</sup> ἤδη κινδύνων ἀπάντων ἐλεύθερον γενόμενον καὶ ἐν ἀδείᾳ τοῦ ζῆν καὶ ἐξουσίᾳ ὄντα. κριὸν οὖν παραινχόμενον θεάσασθαι τὸν ἐστῶτα, καὶ ἀναφλεχθέντα ὑπὸ τοῦ λιμοῦ ἐλῖξαι τε ἑαυτὸν καὶ κυρτῶσαι καὶ τῷ οὐραίῳ μέρει πολλὴν ἐλάσαι θάλατταν, εἶτα ἑαυτὸν μετεωρίσαι ἀρθέντα ὑπὸ τοῦ οἰδήσαντος κύματος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν ἄκραν φθάσαι ἀναταθέντα καὶ δίκην καταγίδος ἢ στροβίλου ἀρπάσαι τὸν ἄνθρωπον. καὶ τὸ μὲν Κύρνειον ἀρπαγμὰ τε καὶ θήραμα τοῦ κριοῦ ἐς τοσοῦτον μυθοποιοῦσι δὲ οἱ τὸν Ὀκεανὸν περιοικοῦντες.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> κάλλαια.<sup>3</sup> Reiske: καὶ ζῶντας ἀρπάζει ἀλλὰ.<sup>5</sup> <τοὺς> add. H.<sup>2</sup> καὶ νεκρὰ.<sup>4</sup> Jac: τοῦτον.<sup>7</sup> οἰκοῦντες.

Sardinia and actually appear above water. And round about them swim dolphins of very great size. Now the male Ram-fish has a white band running round its forehead (you might describe it as the tiara of a Lysimachus<sup>a</sup> or an Antigonos or of some other king of Macedon), but the female has curls, just as cocks have wattles, attached below its neck. Male and female alike pounce upon dead bodies and feed on them, indeed they even seize living men, and with the wave caused by their swimming, since they are large and of immense bulk, they even overturn vessels, such a storm do they unaided raise against them. And they even snatch men standing on the shore close at hand. The inhabitants of Corsica tell how, when a ship was wrecked in a storm, a man who was a very strong swimmer managed to swim over a wide expanse of sea and to secure a hold on some headland in their country; he climbed out and stood there, all fear banished, for he was now free from all perils, with no anxiety for his life, his own master. Now a Ram-fish which was swimming by caught sight of him as he stood, and inflamed with hunger turned about, arched its back, and with its tail drove a great mass of water forward, and then rose as the swelling wave lifted it, and in a moment was carried up on to the headland and like a hurricane or whirlwind seized the man. So much for the Ram-fish's prey ravished off Corsica.

Those who live on the shores of Ocean tell a fable

<sup>a</sup> Lysimachus, c. 360–281 B.C., after the death of Alexander became ruler of Thrace and NW Asia Minor, later of Thessaly and Macedonia.—Antigonos I, 4th cent. B.C., general of Alexander, whom he aspired to succeed as ruler of his empire. Defeated and killed at the Battle of Ipsus, 301 B.C.



τοὺς πάλαι τῆς Ἀτλαντίδος βασιλέας τοὺς ἐκ τῆς Ποσειδῶνος σπορᾶς φέρειν ἐπὶ τῆς κεφαλῆς<sup>1</sup> τὰς τῶν κριῶν τῶν ἀρρένων ταινίας, γνώρισμα τῆς ἀρχῆς τοῦτο· καὶ τὰς ἐκεῖνων γαμετὰς τὰς βασιλίδας τοὺς πλοκάμους τῶν ἐτέρων καὶ ἐκείνας φορεῖν τῆς ἀρχῆς ἔλεγχον. ἔστι δὲ ἄρα τοὺς μυκτῆρας τὸ ζῶον τοῦτο καρτερόν δεινῶς, καὶ πολὺ πνεῦμα ἔσπνεί, καὶ ἔλκει ἀέρα ἐφ' ἑαυτὸν πάμπολυν, θηρᾷ δὲ καὶ τὰς φώκας τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον. αἱ μὲν συνείσαι πλησίον που κριὸν εἶναι καὶ φέρειν σφίσιν ὀλεθρον, ὥς ὅτι τάχιστα ἐκνήχονται καὶ παρελθοῦσαι ἐς τὴν γῆν καὶ τὰς ὑπάντρους πέτρας ὑπελθοῦσαι καταδύνονται, οἱ δὲ αἰσθόμενοι τὴν φυγὴν μεταθέουσι καὶ ἀντίοι στάντες τοῦ ἀντροῦ κατὰ τὴν τοῦ χρωτὸς ὁσμὴν ἔνδον εἶναι σφίσι τὴν ἄγραν συνιᾶσι, καὶ ὥς ἕγγι τι βιαιοτάτῃ ἔλκουσι ταῖς ῥίσι τὸν μεταξὺ ἑαυτῶν καὶ τῆς φώκης ἀέρα. ἡ δὲ ὥς βέλος ἢ δόρατος αἰχμὴν ἐκκλίνει τὴν τοῦ πνεύματος προσβολήν, καὶ τὰ μὲν πρῶτα ὑπαναχωρεῖ, τελευτῶσα δὲ ὑπὸ τῆς βιαιοτάτης ἔλξεως ἐκσπᾶται τοῦ ἀντροῦ, καὶ ἄκουσα ἀκολουθεῖ, ὥσπερ ὄν ἱμάσι τισιν ἢ σχοίνοις κατατεινομένη, καὶ τέτριγε καὶ γίνεται τῷ κριῷ δεῖπνον. τὰς γε μὴν ἐκπεφυκυίας τῶν μυκτῆρων τοῦ κριοῦ τρίχας οἱ ταῦτα ἐξετάζειν δεινοὶ λέγουσιν ἐς πολλὰ ἀγαθὰς.

3. Ἐν δὲ τῷ ῥίῳ τῷ Βιβωνικῷ θύνων ἔθνη μυρία. καὶ οἱ μὲν αὐτῶν κατὰ τοὺς σὺς εἰσι

<sup>1</sup> ἐπιφέρειν ἐπὶ τὰς κεφαλὰς.

<sup>a</sup> Vibo was the Roman name for the Greek city Hipponium, on the W coast of the Bruttii. The gulf went by various  
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of how the ancient kings of Atlantis, sprung from the seed of Poseidon, wore upon their head the bands from the male Ram-fish, as an emblem of their authority, while their wives, the queens, wore the curls of the females as a proof of theirs. Now this creature has exceedingly powerful nostrils and inhales a great quantity of breath, drawing to itself an immense amount of air; and it hunts seals in the following manner. Directly the seals realise that a Ram-fish is somewhere close at hand, bringing destruction upon them, they swim ashore with all possible speed and pass over the land and plunge into the shelter of rocky caverns. But the Ram-fish perceive that they have fled and give chase, and as they face the cave they know from the smell of flesh that their prey is within, and, as though by some all-powerful spell, with their nostrils they draw in the air that intervenes between themselves and the seal. But the seal avoids the attack of the monster's breath, as it might an arrow or a spear-point, and at first withdraws, but is finally dragged out of the cave by the overmastering pull and follows against its will, just as though it were bound fast with thongs or cords, and shrieking provides the Ram-fish with a meal.

Those who are skilled at exploring these matters assert that the hairs which grow from the nostrils of the Ram-fish serve many purposes.

3. In the gulf of Vibo<sup>a</sup> there are shoals of Tunny <sup>The Tunny</sup> past numbering, and some are, like hogs, solitary, and

names, Hipponiates sinus, Sinus Terinaeus or Napetinus or Vibonensis.

μονίαι καὶ καθ' ἑαυτοὺς νήχονται μέγιστοι ὄντες, οἱ δὲ συνδυασθέντες· καὶ ἔστων κατὰ τοὺς λύκους συννόμω,<sup>1</sup> ἄλλοι δὲ κατ' ἀγέλας, ὥσπερ οὖν τὰ αἰπόλια, πλατείας νομάς νενεμημένοι. ἐπιτέλλοντος δὲ τοῦ Σειρίου καὶ τῆς ἀκτίνος ἐνακμαζούσης ὀξύτατα, ἐπὶ τὸν Εὐξείων στέλλονται· καὶ τοῦ κύματος αὐτοῖς ἐμπύρου δοκοῦντος, ἀλλήλοις συνυφασμένοι νήχονται, καὶ τῇ τῶν σωμάτων συναφῇ σκιᾶς τινας ἀμωσγέπως μεταλαγχάνουσιν.

4. Λέγει δὲ Δημόστρατος, ἀνὴρ ἀλιευτικῆς σοφίας ἐπιστήμων ναὶ μὰ Δία καὶ ἐρμηνεύσαι χρηστός, εἶναι τινα ἰχθὺν ὠραίον τὸ εἶδος, καὶ καλεῖσθαι σελήνην τοῦτον, τὸ μέγεθος βραχύν, κυανοῦν τὸ εἶδος, πλατὺν τὸ σχῆμα. τὰ νῦντα δέ οἱ λοφιάς ἔχειν καὶ τάσδε ἀνατείνειν ὁ αὐτός φησι· μαλακὰς δὲ εἶναι αὐτὰς καὶ οὔτε ἀντιτύπους οὔτε τραχείας. ταύτας οὖν, ὅταν ὁ ἰχθύς οὗτος ὑπονήχεται, διαιρεῖσθαι καὶ ἀποδεικνύει κύκλον ἡμίτομον, καὶ εἶναι σελήνης ὅσα ἰδεῖν<sup>2</sup> τῆς διηρημένης σχήμα. καὶ ταῦτα μὲν Κύπριοι δὴ ἀλιεῖς φασιν· Δημόστρατος δὲ καὶ οὗτος ὁ λόγος. πληρουμένης μὲν τῆς σελήνης τὸν ἰχθὺν τόνδε ἡρημένον πεπληρωσθαι τε αὐτὸν καὶ πληροῦν καὶ τὰ δένδρα, εἰς τούτοις προσαρτήσης φέρων αὐτόν· ληγούσης δὲ ἄρα ὑποτετῆχθαι καὶ ἐκλείπειν, καὶ φυτοῖς προσαχθέντα ἀναίνειν αὐτά. ὀρυττομένων τε φρεάτων, εἰς μὲν τοῦ μηνὸς ὑποφαινομένου ἐς τὸ εὐρεθῆν ὕδωρ ἐμβάλη τις τὸν ἰχθὺν τοῦτον, ἀέναον ἔσται τὸ ὕδωρ καὶ οὐκ ἐπιλείψει ποτέ· εἰ δὲ ὑπολήγοντος, λήξει<sup>3</sup> τὸ ὕδωρ. καὶ μέντοι καὶ

<sup>1</sup> ἔστων . . . συννόμω] Lorenz: εἰς τὸν . . . σύννομον.

swim by themselves and are of very great size; others swim in couples or range together, as wolves do; others again swim in companies, just like herds of goats, ranging over wide feeding-grounds. But at the rising of the Dog-star and when the sun's rays are at their fiercest, they set out for the Euxine. And if the waves seem hot to them they swim interwoven with one another and by the contact of their bodies somehow contrive to get a certain amount of shade.

4. Demonstratus, a man deeply versed in fishing The ' Moon-fish ' lore and excellent at expounding it, says that there is a certain fish of great beauty and that it is called the ' Moon-fish';<sup>a</sup> it is small, dark blue in colour, and flat in shape. He says too that it has dorsal fins which it raises, but that they are soft and neither unyielding nor rough. These fins, whenever the fish dives, open out and form a half-circle and present to the eye the shape of a half-moon. This is what the fishermen of Cyprus say, but Demonstratus adds that if this fish is caught when the moon is at the full, it too is at the full, and causes trees to expand if one brings it and attaches it to them. But when the moon is waning the fish pines and dies, and if applied to plants they too wither. And when wells are being dug, if, as the moon is waxing, you throw this fish into the water which you have found, it will flow continually and never fail; if however you do this when the moon is waning, the flow will cease. In

<sup>a</sup> Unidentified.

<sup>2</sup> ὅσα ἰδεῖν transposed by H, καὶ ταῦτα μὲν ὅσα ἰδεῖν Κύπριοι.

<sup>3</sup> οὐχ ἔξει.

ἐς πηγήν ὑπανατέλλουσιν εἰ τὸν αὐτὸν <sup>1</sup> ἐμβάλοισι  
ἰχθύν, ἔξεις ἢ πεπληρωμένην αὐτὴν ἢ κενὸν τὸν  
χώρον τὸ ἐντεῦθεν.

5. "Ὅπως μὲν ἐστέουσιν τε ἐς τὴν Προποντίδα,  
καὶ ὅπως ἐκτέουσιν ἄρα οἱ θύννοι, οἶδα εἰπὼν ἄνω  
που τῶν λόγων τῶνδε· νοεῖτω δέ μοι τις ἐνταῦθα  
Ἡράκλειαν καὶ Τίον καὶ Ἀμαστριν,<sup>2</sup> πόλεις  
Ποντικάς. οὐκοῦν οἱ τόνδε τὸν χώρον πάντα  
οἰκοῦντες τὴν τῶν θύννων ἐπιδημίαν ἴσασι κάλλισ-  
τα, καὶ μέντοι καὶ ἀφικνούνται τηλικάδε τοῦ  
ἔτους,<sup>3</sup> καὶ ὅπλα κατ' αὐτῶν εὐτρέπισται πολλά,  
ναῦς καὶ δίκτυα καὶ σκοπιὰ ὑψηλή. σκοπιὰ δέ  
ἄρα αὕτη ἐπὶ τινος αἰγιαλοῦ παγείσα ἀνέστηκεν  
ἐν περιωπῇ σφόδρα ἐλευθέρᾳ· καὶ αὐτῆς τὸ  
ποίημα περιηγῆσασθαι ἐμοὶ μὲν οὐκ ἔστι μόχθος,  
σοὶ δὲ τῷ ἀκούοντι τῆς τῶν ὥτων τρυφῆς † τ  
ἐκεῖν.†<sup>4</sup> δύο πρέμνα ἐλάτης ὑψηλὰ δοκίσι πλα-  
τείαις διελημμένα ἔστηκε, πυκναῖς ταύταις δι-  
υφασμέναις <καὶ><sup>5</sup> ἀνελθεῖν τῷ σκοπῷ καὶ  
ἐπιβῆναι μάλα ἀγαθαῖς. αἱ δὲ ναῦς ἐρέτας  
ἐκάστη καὶ ἕξ ἔχει παρ' ἐκάτερα νεανίας εὖ μάλα  
ἐρέττοντας· δίκτυα δὲ προμήκη, οὐ κοῦφα λίαν  
καὶ ἀνεχόμενα τοῖς φελλοῖς, μολίβῳ γε μὴν  
βριθόμενα μᾶλλον. ἀθρόαι δὲ ἄρα αἱ τῶνδε τῶν  
ἰχθύων ἀγέλαι ἐστέουσιν. ἡρος δὲ ὑπολάμποντος  
καὶ τῶν ἀνέμων εἰρηγαίων ἤδη καταπνεόντων καὶ  
τοῦ ἀέρος φαιδροῦ τε ὄντος καὶ οἶονεὶ μειδιῶντος  
καὶ τοῦ κύματος κειμένου καὶ λείας οὐσῆς τῆς

<sup>1</sup> αὐτὸν γε.

<sup>2</sup> Ἀμάστρειαν.

<sup>3</sup> τοῦ ἔτους τηλίκᾳ.

<sup>4</sup> Corrupt: ἐκτικόν Post.

<sup>5</sup> <καὶ> add. H.

the same way if you throw this same fish into a  
bubbling spring, you will henceforward either find it  
full of water or you will find the spot empty.

5. I know that I have somewhere earlier on in this  
discourse<sup>a</sup> described how Tunny swim into and out  
of the Propontis. Just consider the cities along the  
Black Sea—Heraclea, Tium,<sup>b</sup> and Amastris. Now  
the inhabitants of the whole of that country know  
exactly of the coming of the Tunny, and at that  
season of the year<sup>c</sup> the fish arrive, and much gear  
has been got ready to deal with them, boats and  
nets and a high lookout-place. This lookout-place  
is fixed on some beach and stands where there is a  
wide, uninterrupted view. It is no trouble to me to  
explain, and you who listen should be pleased to  
hear, how it is constructed.<sup>d</sup> Two high pine-trunks  
held apart by wide balks of timber, are set up; the  
latter are interwoven in the structure at short  
intervals and are of great assistance to the watch-  
man in mounting to the top. Each of the boats has  
six young men, strong rowers, on either side. The  
nets are of considerable length; they are not too  
light and so far from being kept floating by corks are  
actually weighted with lead, and these fish swim into  
them in shoals. And when the spring begins to  
shine and the breezes are blowing softly and the air  
is bright and as it were smiling and the waves are  
at rest and the sea smooth, the watcher, whose

Tunny-  
fishing in  
the Euxine

<sup>a</sup> See 9. 42.

<sup>b</sup> 'Tieum' in the atlases of Droysen, Grundy, and Perthes.

<sup>c</sup> About mid-July; see above, ch. 3.

<sup>d</sup> The text is defective and the translation provisional.  
Reading ἐκτικόν (conj. Post), translate 'it is capable of pro-  
ducing delight for the ears of you, etc.'

θαλάττης ὁ σκοπὸς ἰδὼν σοφία τινὶ ἀπορρήτῳ καὶ φύσει ὀφειεὶς ὀξυωπεστάτῃ λέγει μὲν τοῖς θηραταῖς ὁπόθεν ἀφικνοῦνται· εἰ δέοι<sup>1</sup> γε μὴν πρὸς τὴν ἀκτὴν παρατείνει τὰ δίκτυα, καὶ τοῦτο ἐκδιδάσκει· εἰ δὲ ἐνδοτέρῳ, δίδωσιν ὥσπερ οὖν στρατηγὸς τὸ σύνθημα ἢ<sup>2</sup> χορολέκτης τὸ ἐνδόσιμον· ἐρεῖ<sup>3</sup> γε μὴν πολλάκις καὶ τὸν πάντα ἀριθμὸν, καὶ οὐχ ἁμαρτήσεται τοῦ σκοποῦ. ἐκεῖνα δὲ ὅποια. ὅταν ἑαυτοὺς ὠθήσωσιν ἐς τὸ πέλαγος ἢ τῶν θύνων ἴλη, ὃ τὴν σκοπιὰν φυλάττων καὶ ἀκριβῶν τὴν τῶν προειρημένων ἱστορίαν καὶ μάλα ὀξὺ ἐκβοήσας λέγει διώκειν ἐκεῖθι καὶ τοῦ πελάγους ἐρέττειν εὐθύ.<sup>4</sup> οἱ δὲ ἐξαρτήσαντες ἐλάτης τῶν τὸν σκοπὸν ἀνεχουσῶν τῆς ἐτέρας σχοῖνον εὖ μάλα μακρὰν τῶν δικτύων ἐχομένην, εἶτα ἐπαλλήλοις<sup>5</sup> ταῖς ναυσὶν ἐρέττουσι κατὰ στοῖχον, ἔχονταί τε ἀλλήλων, ἐπεὶ τοὶ καὶ τὸ δίκτυον ἐφ' ἐκάστη διήρηται. καὶ ἢ γε πρώτη τὴν ἑαυτῆς ἐκβαλοῦσα μοῖραν τοῦ δικτύου ἀναχωρεῖ, εἶτα ἢ δευτέρα δρᾷ τοῦτο καὶ ἢ τρίτη, καὶ δεῖ καθεῖναι τὴν τετάρτην· οἱ δὲ τὴν πέμπτην ἐρέττοντες ἔτι μέλλουσι, τοὺς δὲ ἐπὶ ταύτῃ οὐ χρὴ καθεῖναι πῶ· εἶτα ἐρέττουσι ἄλλοι ἄλλῃ καὶ ἄγουσι τοῦ δικτύου τὴν μοῖραν, εἶτα ἡσυχάζουσι. νωθεῖς δὲ ἄρα ὄντες οἱ θύννοι καὶ ἔργον τι τόλμης ἐχόμενον ἀδυνατοῦντες δρᾶσαι, πεπιεσμένοι μένουσιν τε καὶ ἀτρεμοῦσιν· οἱ δὲ ἐρέται, ὡς ἀλούσης πόλεως, αἰροῦσιν ἰχθύων ποιητῆς ἂν εἴποι<sup>6</sup> δῆμον. οὐκοῦν, ὦ φίλοι Ἕλληνες, καὶ Ἐρετριεῖς ἴσασι ταῦτα καὶ Νάξιοι κατὰ κλέος, τῆς θήρας τῆς τοιαύτης μαθόντες ὅσα Ἡρόδοτος

<sup>1</sup> Jac: δὲ οἱ.<sup>3</sup> Jac: αἰρεῖ.<sup>2</sup> καί.<sup>4</sup> ἰθύ.

mysterious skill and naturally sharp sight enable him to see the fish, announces to the fishermen the quarter from which they are coming: if on the one hand the men ought to spread their nets near the shore, he instructs them accordingly; but if closer in, like a general he gives the signal, or like a conductor, the keynote. And frequently he will tell the total number of fish and not be off the mark. And this is what happens. When the company of Tunnies makes for the open sea the man in the lookout who has an accurate knowledge of their ways shouts at the top of his voice telling the men to give chase in that direction and to row straight for the open sea. And the men after fastening to one of the pines supporting the lookout a very long rope attached to the nets, then proceed to row their boats in close order and in column, keeping near to one another, because, you see, the net is distributed between each boat. And the first boat drops its portion of the net and turns back; then the second does the same, then the third, and the fourth has to let go its portion. But the rowers in the fifth boat delay, for they must not let go yet. Then the others row in different directions and haul their part of the net, and then pause. Now the Tunny are sluggish and incapable of any action that involves daring, and they remain huddled together and quite still. So the rowers, as though it were a captured city, take captive—as a poet might say—the population of fishes. And so, my Grecian friends, the people of Eretria and Naxos know of these things by report, for they have learnt about this method of fishing all that

<sup>5</sup> Jac: ἐπ' ἀλλήλους.<sup>6</sup> Jac: εἴπε.

τε καὶ ἄλλοι λέγουσι. τὰ δὲ ἔτι λοιπὰ τῆς θήρας ἀκούσεσθε ἄλλων.

6. Θύννων δὲ ἄρα ἡρημένων τῇ θήρᾳ τῇ Ποντικῇ (ἐγὼ δ' ἂν φαίην ὅτι καὶ Σικελικῇ· <ῆ><sup>1</sup> τί καὶ βουλόμενος ἂν τὸν ἡδὺν Θυννοθήραν ὁ Σώφρων ἔγραψε; πάντως δὲ καὶ ἀλαχόθι ἄγραι τῶνδε τῶν θύννων εἰσὶ) τῷ <οὖν><sup>2</sup> δικτύῳ ἥδη περιπλακέντων αὐτῶν Ποσειδῶνι πάντες εὐχονται ἀλεξικάκῳ<sup>3</sup> τηρικάδε. καὶ ὁπόθεν καὶ τὸδε τοῦ δαίμονος τὸ ὄνομα, ἀξιῷ εἰπεῖν, ἐμᾶντὸν καὶ μάλα γε ἀπαιτῶν τί καὶ βουλόμενοι ἐπεφήμισαν<sup>4</sup> τοῦτό οἱ· δέονται τοῦ Διὸς ἀδελφοῦ τοῦ θαλάττης κρατοῦντος μήτε τὸν ἰχθὺν τὸν ξιφίαν τῇδε τῇ ἰλῇ συνέμπορον ἀφικέσθαι μήτε μὴν δελφίνα. ὁ γοῦν γενναῖος ξιφίας πολλάκις τὸ δίκτυον διέκειρε, καὶ ἀφήκεν ἐλεύθερον διεκπαῖσαι<sup>5</sup> τὴν ἀγέλην. καὶ δελφίς δὲ ἐπίβουλον δικτύῳ ζῶον· διατραγεῖν γάρ τοι δεινὸς ἐστίν.

7. Ὑεται ἡ Ἰνδῶν γῇ διὰ τοῦ ἥρος μέλιτι ὑγρῷ, καὶ ἔτι πλεόν ἡ Πρασίῳ χώρα, ὅπερ οὖν ἐμπίπτον ταῖς πόαις καὶ ταῖς τῶν ἐλείων καλάμων κόμαις, νομᾶς τοῖς βουσί καὶ τοῖς προβάτοις

<sup>1</sup> <ῆ> add. Jac.

<sup>2</sup> <οὖν> add. H.

<sup>3</sup> πάντως ἀλεξικάκῳ.

<sup>4</sup> Jac: τοῦδε τοῦ δ. ἀξιῷ τὸ ὄ. . . τε καὶ βουλόμενος ἐπεφήμισα MSS, H.

<sup>5</sup> Jac: διεκπέσαι.

<sup>a</sup> Pisistratus, driven from Athens, took refuge in Eretria, where he was joined by Lygdamis of Naxos among many

Herodotus<sup>a</sup> and others relate. What remains to be told of it you shall learn from others.

6. When Tunny have been caught by fishermen of the Euxine (and I might add off Sicily also, for what else had Sophron in mind when he wrote his delightful *Tunny-fisher*? Anyhow there are Tunny-fisheries in other places besides.)—when therefore they are safely enmeshed in the net, then is the time when everybody prays to Poseidon the Averter of Disaster. And as I ask myself the reason, I think it worth while to explain what induced them to attach the name 'Averter of Disaster' to the god. They pray to the brother of Zeus, the Lord of the Sea, that neither swordfish nor dolphin may come as fellow-traveller with the shoal of Tunny. At any rate your noble sword-fish has many a time cut through the net and allowed the whole company to break through and go free. The dolphin also is the net's enemy, for it is skilful at gnawing its way out.

Tunny-fishers and Poseidon

7. During the springtime in India it rains liquid Honey-dew<sup>b</sup> in India, and especially in the country of the Prasii; and it falls on the grass and on the leaves of reeds in the marshes, providing wonderful pasturage for

others. He was induced to make a surprise attack upon the Athenians by the soothsayer Amphilytus, who delivered an oracle in which P. saw himself as a tunny-fisher waiting the moment to haul in his net and capture the fish; see Hd. 1. 61-3.

<sup>b</sup> Prasiæa was reputed one of the richest and largest of the kingdoms of India. Its capital was Palibothra (mod. Patna) on the Ganges.

παρέχει θαυμαστάς, καὶ τὰ μὲν ζῶα ἐστιάται τὴν δαίτην ἡδίστην<sup>1</sup> (μάλιστα γὰρ ἐνταῦθα οἱ νομεῖς ἄγουσιν αὐτά, ἔνθα καὶ μάλλον ἢ δρόσος ἢ γλυκεῖα κάθηται πεσοῦσα), ἀντεφεστιᾶ<sup>2</sup> δὲ καὶ τὰ ζῶα τοὺς νομέας· ἀμέλγουσι γὰρ περιγλύκιστον γάλα, καὶ οὐ δέονται ἀναμίξαι αὐτῷ μέλι, ὅπερ οὖν δρῶσιν Ἕλληνες.

8. Ὁ δὲ Ἰνδὸς μάργαρος (ἄνω γὰρ εἶπον περὶ τοῦ Ἐρυθραίου) λαμβάνεται τρώπῳ τοιῷδε. πόλις ἐστὶν ἧς ἤρχε Σώρας ὄνομα, ἀνὴρ γένους βασιλικοῦ, ὅτε καὶ Βάκτρων ἤρχεν Εὐκρατίδης· ὄνομα δὲ τῇ πόλει Περίμουλα,<sup>3</sup> κατοικοῦσι δὲ αὐτὴν ἄνδρες Ἰχθυοφάγοι. ὅθεν ὀρωμένους σὺν τοῖς δικτύοις φασὶ τοὺς<sup>4</sup> προειρημένους περιλαμβάνειν ἀγκῶσι· μεγάλοις αἰγιαλοῦ κύκλον εὐμεγέθη γίνεσθαι· δὲ τὸν προειρημένον λίθον ἐκ κόγχης στρόμβῳ ἐμφεροῦς μεγάλῳ, νήχεσθαι τε κατὰ ἀγέλας τοὺς μαργάρους, καὶ ἔχειν ἡγεμόνας, ὡς ἐν τοῖς σμήνεσιν αἱ μέλιτται τοὺς καλουμένους βασιλέας· ἀκούω δὲ εἶναι καὶ τοῦτον διαπρεπὴ καὶ τὴν χροάν καὶ τὸ μέγεθος· ἀγώνισμα δὲ ἄρα ποιοῦνται συλλαβεῖν αὐτὸν οἱ κολυμβηταὶ οἱ ὑψύδροι· τοῦτον γὰρ ἡρημένον καὶ τὴν ἀγέλην αἰροῦσι πᾶσαν ἐρήμην ὡς ἂν εἶποι τις καὶ ἀπροστάτευτον οὖσαν· ἀτρεμεῖ γὰρ καὶ οὐκέτι πρόεισιν, οἷα δήπου ποιμνὴ τὸν νομέα ἀφηρημένη κατὰ τινα τύχην ἐχθράν· ὁ δὲ διαφεύγει καὶ μάλα γε σοφῶς ἐξελίττει, καὶ προηγείται καὶ σώζει τὸ

cattle and sheep. And the animals feast off the food with the greatest delight, for the shepherds make a point of leading them to spots where this honeyed dew falls more plentifully and settles. And they in return feast their herdsmen, for the milk which the latter draw is of the utmost sweetness and they have no need to mix honey with it as the Greeks do.

8. The Pearl-oyster of India (I have spoken earlier on of the one in the Red Sea)<sup>a</sup> is obtained in the following manner. There is a city of which one Soras by name was ruler, a man of royal lineage, at the time when Eucratides was ruler of Bactria.<sup>b</sup> And the name of the city is Perimula,<sup>c</sup> and it is inhabited by Ichthyophagi (fish-eaters). These men, it is said, set out from there with their nets and draw a ring of wide embrace round a great circle of the shore. The aforesaid stone is produced from a shell resembling a large trumpet-shell, and the Pearl-oysters swim in shoals and have leaders, just as bees in their hives have 'kings,' as they are called. And I have heard that the 'leader' too is conspicuous for his colour and his size. Now divers beneath the waters make it their special aim to capture him, for once he is caught they catch the entire shoal, since it is, so to say, left destitute and without a leader; for it remains motionless and ceases to advance, like a flock of sheep that by some mischance has lost its shepherd. But the leader makes good his escape and slips out with the utmost adroitness and takes

Pearl-fishing  
in the  
Indian  
Ocean.

<sup>1</sup> Radermacher: τήνδε τὴν ἡδίστην MSS., ἢ. τήνδε ἐστιάσιν H.

<sup>2</sup> ἀντεστιά H. <sup>3</sup> Περίμουδα.

<sup>4</sup> τοῦσδε τοὺς.

<sup>a</sup> See 10.13.

<sup>b</sup> 2nd cent. B.C.

<sup>c</sup> Island and town off the NW coast of Ceylon.

υπήκοον. τοὺς δὲ ληφθέντας ἐν πιθάκναις λέγονται ταριχεύειν. ὅταν δὲ ἡ σὰρξ μυδρήσῃ καὶ περιρρυή, καταλείπεται ἡ ψήφος. ἀριστος δὲ ἄρα ὁ Ἰνδικὸς γίνεται καὶ ὁ τῆς θαλάττης τῆς Ἐρυθρᾶς. γίνεται δὲ καὶ κατὰ τὸν Ἑσπέριον ὠκεανόν, ἔνθα ἡ Βρεττανικὴ νῆσός ἐστι. δοκεῖ δὲ πως χρυσωπότερος<sup>1</sup> ἰδεῖν εἶναι, τὰς τε αὐγὰς ἀμβλυτέρας ἔχειν<sup>2</sup> καὶ σκοτωδεστέρας. γίνεσθαι δὲ φησὶν Ἰόβας καὶ ἐν τῷ κατὰ Βόσπορον πορθμῷ, καὶ τοῦ Βρεττανικοῦ ἡττᾶσθαι αὐτόν, τῷ δὲ Ἰνδῷ καὶ τῷ Ἐρυθραίῳ μηδὲ τὴν ἀρχὴν ἀντικρίνεσθαι. ὁ δὲ ἐν Ἰνδίᾳ χερσαῖος οὐ λέγεται φύσιν ἔχειν ἰδίαν, ἀλλὰ ἀπογέννημα εἶναι κρυστάλλου, οὐ τοῦ ἐκ τῶν παγετῶν συνισταμένου, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ὀρυκτοῦ.

9. Γεράνων μὲν οὖν περὶ τῶν πτηνῶν ἐν τοῖς προτέροις<sup>3</sup> λόγοις εἰπεῖν ἐμαυτὸν καλῶς οἶδα, θαλάττιον δὲ γέρανον ἰχθὺν Κορινθίῳ πελάγει ἔντροφον ἀκοῦσαί φημι. ἐπικλίνει<sup>4</sup> δὲ ἄρα τοῦτο τὸ πέλαγος, ἔνθα ὁ γέρανος ἀνιχνεύθῃ οὗτος, τῷ<sup>5</sup> πρὸς τὰς Ἀθήνας πελάγει τοῦ ἰσθμοῦ κατὰ τὴν πλευρὰν τὴν ἐς αὐτὰς ὁρώσαν. μήκος μὲν οὖν ἦν προήκων ἐς πεντεκαίδεκά πού ποδας μεμετρημένους δικαίῳ μέτρῳ, ἐγγέλευς<sup>6</sup> δὲ εἶχεν, ὥς ἀκούω, οὐ μέντοι τῆς μεγίστης <τὸ><sup>7</sup> πάχος. κεφαλὴ δὲ ἄρα ἐκείνῳ καὶ στόμα γεράνου ἐστὶ τῆς πτηνῆς,<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ges: χρυσῷ ὀπότερος.

<sup>2</sup> Jac: πρεσβυτέροις.

<sup>3</sup> ἐν τῷ.

<sup>4</sup> <τὸ> add. Ges.

<sup>5</sup> ἔχων.

<sup>6</sup> ἀπέκλινε.

<sup>7</sup> ἐγγέλνους.

<sup>8</sup> τοῦ πτηνοῦ.

<sup>a</sup> The Pearl-mussel, *Unio margaritifera*, of the British Isles is found in fresh water, but the pearl it produces is smaller than the Orient pearl.

the lead and rescues those that obey him. Those however that are caught the Ichthyophagi are said to pickle in jars. And when the flesh turns clammy and falls away, the precious stone is left behind. The best ones are those from India and from the Red Sea; but they are also found in the western ocean where the island of Britain is, though this kind has a more golden appearance, and a duller, duskier sheen.<sup>a</sup> Juba asserts that they occur also in the strait leading to the Bosphorus and are inferior to the British kind, and are not for a moment to be compared with those from India and the Red Sea. But the land-pearl<sup>b</sup> of India is said not to have an independent origin but to be generated not from the ice formed by frost but from excavated rock-crystal.

9. I am well aware that earlier on in my discourse I have spoken of cranes, the birds, but I claim to have heard of a sea-crane,<sup>c</sup> a fish that lives in the sea of Corinth. Now this stretch of sea, where the Crane-fish has been tracked down, lies near the sea which approaches Attica on that side of the Isthmus that faces Athens.<sup>d</sup> The fish reaches a length of perhaps fifteen feet reckoned accurately, but it is not (so I learn) as bulky as the largest eel. It has the head and mouth of the bird, and its scales<sup>e</sup> you

<sup>b</sup> The 'ground-pearl' is the outer pearly covering of *Margarodes*, one of the Coccidae; see A. D. Imms, *Gen. text-book of Entomology*<sup>5</sup> (1942), 389; D. Sharp, *Insects*, 598 (Camb. Nat. Hist. 6). For other views see *RE* 14. 1682, art. 'Margarita.'

<sup>c</sup> Perhaps the 'Oar-fish,' *Regalecus banksi*; but Gossen suggests *Nemichthys scolopaceus*.

<sup>d</sup> In other words 'in the Saronic gulf.'

<sup>e</sup> Or, if *λόφια* (Thompson, *Gk. fishes*, s.v. Γέρανος) is read, 'crest.'

λεπίδες δὲ αὐτῷ, γεράνου πτερὰ καὶ ταύτας <sup>1</sup>  
εἵποις <sup>2</sup> ἄν. ἔρχεται δὲ οὐχ ἑλκτὴν τὴν νήξιν,  
ὥσπερ οὖν οἱ τῶν ἰχθύων κατὰ τὰς ἐγγέλεις <sup>3</sup>  
στενοὶ καὶ μακροί. ἔχει δὲ ῥύμην καὶ μάλα  
ἀλτικτὴν· πηδᾷ γοῦν ὥσπερ ἀπὸ νευρᾶς οἰστός  
ἀφεθείς. . . <sup>4</sup> λέγουσιν οὖν οἱ λόγοι οἱ μὲν  
Ἐπιδαύριοι τοῦτο τὸ ζῶον οὐδενὸς ἰχθύος ἔκγονον,  
ἀλλὰ τὰς πτηνὰς γεράνους φευγούσας τὸν Θράκιον  
κρυμὸν καὶ τὸν ἐσπέριον τὸν ἄλλον ἐμπίπτειν μὲν  
τῷ πνεύματι, τὰς γε μὴν θηλείας ἐς μίξιν οἰστράσ-  
θαι, τοὺς δὲ ἄρρενας αὐταῖς ἐπιφλέγεσθαι, καὶ  
μέντοι καὶ ἐς τὴν πρὸς αὐτὰς ὀμιλίαν κυμαίνειν,  
καὶ διὰ ταῦτά τοι καὶ ἀναβαίνειν <sup>5</sup> αὐτὰς ἐθέλειν,  
τὰς δὲ οὐχ ὑπομένειν· μὴ γὰρ οἷας <sup>6</sup> τε εἶναι  
μετέωρον μίξιν φέρειν· <sup>7</sup> τοὺς δὲ ἐγκρατεῖς οὐκ  
ἔχοντας γενέσθαι τοῦ πόθου, ἐκβάλλειν τὴν γονήν.  
καὶ εἰ μὲν τύχοιεν ὑπὲρ γῆς φερόμενοι, τὴν δὲ  
ἐκπίπτειν ἐς οὐδὲ ἓν, ἀλλ' ἀπόλλυσθαι ἄλλως· εἰ  
δὲ ὑπὲρ τοῦ πελάγους πέτουντο, ἐνταῦθά τοι τὴν  
θάλατταν ὥσπερ οὖν θησαύρισμα παραλαβοῦσαν  
φυλάττειν ἔμβρυον, καὶ γεννᾶν τὸ ζῶον τοῦτο,  
ἀλλ' οὐ διαφθείρειν ὥσπερ ἔς τινα ἄγονον καὶ  
στερίφην γαστέρα ἐμπεσόν. καὶ τούτων μὲν τῶν  
λόγων ἄτερος καὶ δὴ διηνύσθη ὁ Ἐπιδαύριος,  
λέγει δὲ ἄλλος, οὗ τὸ γένος οὐκ οἶδα, ἑτέραν ὁδὸν  
τραπόμενος, εἴτα μέντοι οὐ ταῦτά ὁμολογεῖ, ὥς  
δ' ἂν <sup>8</sup> μὴ δοκοῖν <sup>9</sup> ἀμαθὴς εἶναι αὐτοῦ, λελέξεται  
μέντοι καὶ ἐκεῖνος. Δημόστρατος, οὐπερ οὖν καὶ  
ἀνωτέρω μνήμην ἐποιησάμην, εἶδον τὸν ἰχθύν  
ἥ δ' ὅς, καὶ μ' ἐσήλθεν αὐτοῦ θαῦμα, καὶ ἐβουλή-  
θην αὐτόν ποιῆσαι τάριχον, ἵνα εἴη <sup>10</sup> καὶ ἄλλω

might say were the feathers of a crane. But it does not swim in the sinuous fashion of those fishes which are slim and long like eels. It is an exceedingly powerful jumper; at any rate it springs forward like an arrow shot from a bowstring. . . Now the accounts from Epidaurus state that this creature is not the offspring of any fish, but that cranes fleeing from the frosts of Thrace and of the west generally, encounter the wind, and that the female birds are stimulated to mate, while the male birds are inflamed with desire and agitated with a passion to couple, which makes them want to mount the females. They however will not permit it, for they cannot bear the burden of coupling in mid air, and so the males frustrated in their desire ejaculate semen. If they happen to be flying over land, the semen is spent to no purpose but is lost and wasted. If however they are flying over the ocean, then the sea takes up and preserves the embryo as though it were a treasure, and generates this creature, not destroying it as though it had entered some unfruitful, sterile womb. Here then of the two versions is the Epidaurian one fully set out. But the other version, whose origin I cannot tell, takes a different direction and does not agree with the former, but I shall mention it as well so that I may not appear to be ignorant of it. Demonstratus, whom I also mentioned earlier on, says, 'I saw the fish and was filled with astonishment, and I was anxious to pickle it so that others might be able

Demonstratus  
quoted

<sup>1</sup> Schn: ταῦτα.

<sup>3</sup> ἐγγέλεις.

<sup>5</sup> Jac: διαβαίνειν.

<sup>7</sup> φέρειν, οὐδὲ ἑτέραν.

<sup>9</sup> Jac: δοκοῖμι ὅτ' δοκῇ.

<sup>2</sup> Ges: εἶπες.

<sup>4</sup> Lacuna.

<sup>6</sup> οἷον.

<sup>8</sup> Schn: ὥς ἂν δέ.

<sup>10</sup> Jac: ἦ.



βλέπειν· οὐκοῦν ἐνεργῶν ὄντων καὶ ἀνοιγνύντων τῶν μαγείρων αὐτόν,<sup>1</sup> ἐπεσκόπουν τὰ σπλάγχνα αὐτός. ἀκάνθας τε εἶδον ἐξ ἑκατέρας τῆς πλευρᾶς συνιούσας τε καὶ ἐγκλινούσας τὰ πέρατα ἐς ἀλλήλας, τρίγωνοι δέ' φησιν ἦσαν ὥσπερ οὖν καὶ αἱ κύρβεις, ἡπάρ τε ἐνέκειτό οἱ προήκον ἐς μῆκος, ὑπέκειτο δὲ αὐτῷ καὶ χολή μακρὰν ἔχουσα τὴν φύσαν κατὰ τὰ φασκώλια· εἶπε δ' ἂν ἰδὼν τὴν χολὴν κύαμον ὑγρὸν εἶναι. ἐξαιρεθέντα οὖν ἄμφω, καὶ ἡ χολή καὶ τὸ ἡπάρ, τὸ μὲν ἕτερον<sup>2</sup> διωγκώθη<sup>3</sup> καὶ ἑώρακε ἰχθύος ἡπατι μεγίστου, διατήξασα δ' ἡ χολή τὸν λίθον (καὶ γάρ πως ἔτυχε τεθείσα ἐπὶ λίθου) εἶτα ἠφανίσθη.<sup>4</sup> ἄμφω δὲ τῷ λόγῳ ἐνταῦθα ὀρίζομεν.

10. Θήραν δὲ πηλαμύδων εἰπεῖν μὴ πάντι<sup>4</sup> συνευρισμένην οὐκ ἔστιν ἕξω τῆσδε τῆς σπουδῆς. δέκα νεανῖαι τὸ ἀκμαιοτάτον ἀνθοῦντες ἀναβαίνουσι ναὺν ἐλαφρὰν καὶ διὰ ταῦτά τοι<sup>5</sup> καὶ ταχυτάτην· διανέμοντες δὲ ἑαυτοὺς ἐς ἑκατέραν ἴσους τὴν πλευρὰν καὶ κορεσθέντες εὖ μάλα τροφῆς, εἶτα μέντοι τοῖς ἑρετμοῖς ἕκαστος ἐπιχειροῦσι, πλανώμενοι δεῦρο καὶ ἐκείσε. κάθηται δὲ εἰς ἐπὶ τῆς πρύμνης, καὶ ἐντεῦθεν τε καὶ ἐκεῖθεν παρασείρους καθίσιν ὀρμιάς· ἡρτῆνται δὲ τούτων καὶ ἄλλαι, καὶ συνήπται πάσαις τὰ ἄγκιστρα, καὶ ἕκαστον ἄγκιστρον δέλεαρ φέρει Λακαίνης πορφύρας μαλλῶ<sup>6</sup> κατεληγμένον,<sup>7</sup> καὶ πτερόν μέντοι

<sup>1</sup> αὐτόν καὶ τεμνόντων τὴν γαστέρα.

<sup>2</sup> Reiske: οὐ μεθ' ὑστερον.

<sup>3</sup> Ges: μέντοι διογκώθηαι MSS, μέντοι del. Schn, H.

<sup>4</sup> πάντη οὖν. μέντοι.

<sup>5</sup> Ges: μαλῶ οὐ μάλλον.

<sup>7</sup> Schn: κατεληγμένον.

to see it. And so when the cooks got to work and opened it up, with my own eyes I inspected its internal organs and observed spines on both sides, which met and turned their points towards one another; they were,' he says, 'triangular like the three-sided law-tablets, and imbedded in them was a liver of considerable length, and below that was a gall-bladder, with a long tube as in skin-bags. You would have said on seeing it that it was a damp bean-pod. So both gall-bladder and liver were extracted, and the latter swelled up till it equalled the liver of the largest fish, whereas the gall-bladder, which happened somehow to have been placed on a stone, caused the stone to melt away and disappeared from sight.'

Here I conclude the two accounts.

10. It is not irrelevant to our present study to describe the altogether singular manner in which <sup>The</sup> Pelamys<sup>d</sup> are caught. Ten young men in the prime of strength embark in a boat, light and therefore capable of great speed, arranging themselves in equal numbers on either side; and after satisfying themselves with a good meal they each lay hold of an oar and roam this way and that. And one youth sits in the stern and lets down horse-hair lines on either side of the vessel. To these other lines are fastened, and to all of them hooks are attached, and each hook carries a bait wrapped round with wool of Laconian purple, and further, to each hook is

<sup>a</sup> 'Usually a small Tunny; and then either the young of the common tunny, or one of the lesser species. . . . [The word] seems to be used especially of the tunny of the Black Sea' (Thompson, *Gk. fishes*).

λάρου ἐκάστω ἀγκίστρῳ προσήρτηται, ὥστε ἡσυχῇ<sup>1</sup> διασειεσθαι ὑπὸ τοῦ προσπίπτοντος ὕδατος. τούτων οὖν ἡμέρῳ προσνέουσιν αἱ πηλαμύδες· μία δὲ ἢ προτένης<sup>2</sup> ὅταν τὸ στόμα ἐναπερίσῃ, πρόσιασι καὶ αἱ λοιπαί, καὶ δονεῖται τὰ ἀγκίστρα ὑπὸ τὸν αὐτὸν καιρὸν περιπαρέντα τοῖς ἰχθύσιν. οἱ ἄνδρες οὖν τοῦ μὲν ἐρέττειν ἔτι ἀπέστησαν, παρήκαν δὲ τὰς κώπας, ἐξαναστάντες δὲ ἀνασπῶσι τὰς μηρίνους εὐαγρούσας καὶ μέντοι καὶ βριθομένας τοῖς ἰχθύσιν· ὅταν δὲ ἐς τὴν ναῦν ἐμπέσωσι, διαφαίνεται τῆς εὐθρίας τὸ μαρτύριον ἐκ τοῦ πλήθους τῶν ἰχθύων τῶν ἐαλωκότων.

11. Ἡ χερσαία γαλῇ ὅτι ἦν ἄνθρωπος ἤκουσα· καὶ ὅτι τοῦτο ἐκαλεῖτο, καὶ ὅτι ἦν γόης καὶ φαρμακίς, καὶ ὅτι δεινῶς ἐκόλαστος ἦν καὶ ἀφροδίτην παράνομον ἐνόσει, καὶ ταῦτα ἐς ἀκοὴν τὴν ἐμὴν ἀφίκετο· καὶ ὡς ἐς τοῦτο τὸ ζῶον τὸ κακὸν ἔτρεψεν αὐτὴν Ἑκάτης τῆς θεοῦ μήνις οὐδὲ τοῦτό με λέληθεν. ἡ μὲν οὖν θεὸς ἴλεως ἔστω· μύθους δὲ ἐγὼ καὶ μυθολογίαν ἄλλοις. ὅτι δὲ ἐστὶ θηρίον ἐπιβουλότατον, καὶ νεκροῖς ἀνθρώποις ἐπιτίθενται γαλαί, καὶ μὴ φυλαττομένοις<sup>3</sup> ἐπιπηδῶσι, καὶ συλῶσι τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς καὶ ἐκροφούσι,<sup>4</sup> δῆλόν ἐστι. φασὶ δὲ καὶ ὄρχεις γαλῆς γυναικὶ κατ' ἐπιβουλήν ἢ ἐκούσῃ περιαφθέντας ἐπίσχειν τοῦ<sup>5</sup> ἔτι μητέρα<sup>6</sup> γίνεσθαι, καὶ ἀναστέλλειν

<sup>1</sup> ἡσυχῇ ὥστε.

<sup>2</sup> ἢ (μάλιστα) προ- add. H.

<sup>3</sup> φυλαττόμεναι.

<sup>4</sup> ἔσθωσι.

<sup>5</sup> τό.

attached the feather of a sea-mew so as to be gently fluttered by the impact of the water. Now the Pelamyds in their eagerness for these objects come swimming up, and when the 'foretaster'<sup>a</sup> has applied its mouth to them the rest approach and at the same moment the hooks are agitated as they pierce the fish. Meanwhile the men have stopped rowing and laid aside their oars and standing up draw up the lines with their plentiful catch, indeed even laden with fish. And when they tumble into the boat the evidence of a successful day's sport is manifest in the great number captured.

11. I have heard that the land-Marten was once a The Marten human being. It has also reached my hearing that 'Marten' was its name then; that it was a dealer in spells and a sorcerer; that it was extremely incontinent, and that it was afflicted with abnormal sexual desires. Nor has it escaped my notice that the anger of the goddess Hecate transformed it into this evil creature.—May the goddess be gracious to me: fables and their telling I leave to others. But it is clearly a most malicious animal: Martens set upon human corpses, leap upon them if they are unprotected, pluck out their eyes and swallow them. They say too that if the testicles of a Marten are hung on a woman either by treachery or with her consent, they prevent her from becoming a mother and make her refrain from the sexual act. If the

<sup>a</sup> The title of an official at Athens who on the eve of the Apaturia tasted the food provided for the public feast to see if it was satisfactory.

<sup>6</sup> μητέρας.

μίξεως.<sup>1</sup> σπλάγχνα δὲ γαλῆς σκευασίαν τινὰ προσλαβόντα, ἣν ἴστωσαν οἱ σοφοὶ ταῦτα, καὶ<sup>2</sup> ἐς οἶνον ἐμβληθέντα κατ' ἐπιβουλήν, φιλίαν ὡς λόγος διόστησι, καὶ ἡνωμένην τέως εὖνοιαν διακόπτει. καὶ ὑπὲρ μὲν τούτων τοὺς γόητάς τε καὶ φαρμακείας "Αρει φίλῳ κολάζειν καὶ δικαιοῦν<sup>3</sup> καταλείπωμεν. εἴη δ' ἂν καὶ ἰχθὺς γαλῆ, σμικρὸς οὗτος, καὶ οὐδέν τι κοινὸν πρὸς τοὺς καλουμένους γαλεοὺς ἔχων. οἱ μὲν γάρ εἰσι σελάχιοι<sup>4</sup> καὶ πελάγιοι, καὶ <ἐς><sup>5</sup> μέγεθος προήκοντες εἴτα μέντοι κυνὶ εἰκόσιν· ἡ γαλῇ δέ, φαίης<sup>6</sup> ἂν αὐτὴν εἶναι τὸν καλούμενον ἥπατον. ἰχθὺς δὲ ἔστιν αὕτη βραχὺς, καὶ τῷ ὀφθαλμῷ ἐπιμέμυκε· κόρας δὲ ἔχει κυάνου χροῖα προσεικασμένας. καὶ τὸ μὲν γένειον ἔχει τοῦ ἥπατος μείζον, ἥττάται δὲ αὖ πάλιν τοῦ χρέμητος κατὰ γε τοῦτο. πετράϊαν δὲ οὖσαν τὴν γαλῆν καὶ νεμομένην φυκία ἀκούω πάντων σωμάτων οἷς ἂν νεκροῖς ἐντύχη τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς καὶ ταύτην ὡς τὴν χερσαίαν ἐσθίειν· χρώνται δὲ αὐτῇ ἐς τὰ ὅμοια ἀλιεῖς ὅσοι κατὰ τοὺς Ἡπειρώτας φαρμακεύουσι πονηροὶ καὶ οὗτοι σοφισταὶ κακῶν. ἐπεὶ δὲ ὠμοβόρον ἐστὶ τὸ τῶν ἰχθύων <τῶνδε><sup>7</sup> φῦλον, πᾶν τὸ ταῖς ὑδροθηρίαις γένος συμβιοῦν καὶ τὰς ὑποδύσεις<sup>8</sup> τὰς κατωτάτω μετιὼν μελαινοῦσι τὰς ἐαυτῶν βάσεις καὶ τὰ κοῖλα τῶν χειρῶν, ἀφανίζουσιν πειρώμενοι τὴν ἐξ αὐτῶν αὐγὴν· τὰ γάρ τοι τῶν ἀνθρώπων μέλη,<sup>9</sup> ὡς ὅτι μάλιστα ἐκλάμποντα ἐν τῷ ὕδατι, ἐφορκὰ τῶν ἰχθύων τούτων<sup>10</sup> ἐστίν.

<sup>1</sup> μίξεως] *H*, *comp.* 4. 34 and 9. 54; αὐτῶν *MSS*, ἀνδρῶν *Jac.*

<sup>2</sup> καὶ ταῦτα.

<sup>4</sup> σελάχη *V*, *H*.

<sup>8</sup> *Abresch*: διακαίειν.

<sup>5</sup> <ἐς> *add.* *Schn.*

inwards of a Marten are dressed in a certain way, which I leave to those skilled in these matters, and dropped with evil intent into wine, they break up (so they say) a friendship, and sunder relations hitherto harmonious. In reward for these activities let us leave spell-binders and sorcerers to our friend Ares<sup>a</sup> to punish and judge.

There is also a fish called Marten (*galē*): it is small and has nothing in common with those known as dog-fish (*galeus*), for the latter are cartilaginous, live in the sea, attain to a considerable length, and resemble a dog. But the Marten-fish one might identify with the Hepatus,<sup>b</sup> as it is called. This is a small fish and blinks its eyes; the pupils are a dark blue colour. Its barbel is larger than that of the Hepatus; on the other hand it yields to the Chromis in this respect. I am told that the Marten lives among rocks, feeds on sea-weed, and that it too like the land Marten eats the eyes of all bodies that it finds dead. Fishermen who practise sorcery after the manner of those that dwell on the continent of Asia, being evilly disposed and skilled in mischief, use it for the same purpose as men use the land Marten. And since this species of fish is carnivorous, all men who spend their lives fishing and who explore the deepest recesses black their feet and the palms of their hands in an attempt to nullify the light that radiates from them, for men's limbs appear extremely bright in water and so attract these fish.

<sup>a</sup> *Cp.* *Ael. VH* 5. 18: cases of poisoning came before the court of the Areopagus.

<sup>b</sup> Unidentified; see 9, 38 n.

<sup>6</sup> φαίην.

<sup>7</sup> <τῶνδε> *add.* *H*.

<sup>9</sup> ἀνθρωπίνων μελῶν.

<sup>8</sup> *Abresch*: ἀπο-.

<sup>10</sup> πάντων.

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12. Χῆμαι δὲ θαλάττιαι ζῶόν εἰσι καὶ αἷται διάφορον· αἱ μὲν γὰρ αὐτῶν τραχεῖαι πεφύκασιν, αἱ δὲ λείαι πάνν· καὶ τὰς μὲν τοῖς δακτύλοις πιέσας συνθλάσεις, τὰς δὲ συντρίψεις λίθῳ καὶ μόλις.<sup>1</sup> καὶ αἱ μὲν αὐτῶν μελάνταται τὴν χροάν εἰσίν, αἱ δὲ ἀργύρῳ φαίης ἂν αὐτὰς προσεοικέναι, αἱ δὲ ἀνακραθείσας.<sup>2</sup> περίκεινται τὰς χροάς τὰς<sup>3</sup> προειρημένας. γένη δὲ αὐτῶν<sup>4</sup> διάφορα καὶ εὐναὶ πάνν ποικίλαι· αἱ μὲν γὰρ ἐν ταῖς ψάμμοις κεύνται διεσπαρμέναι ταῖς τῶν αἰγιαλῶν, διαναπαύονταί τε κατὰ τῆς ἰλῦος, αἱ δὲ ὑπόκεινται τῷ βρύῳ, αἱ δὲ εἰλημμένοι τῶν σπιδάδων εἴτα αὐταῖς προσέχονται μάλα ἐγκρατῶς. ἐν δὲ τῇ καλουμένῃ Ἰσθρίადι θαλάττῃ αἶδε αἱ χῆμαι κατὰ τὴν ὥραν τὴν θέρειον, ὑπαρχομένου τοῦ ἀμήτου, δίκην ἀγέλης ἀλλήλαις συμφέρονται, καὶ ἀναπλέουσι κούφως, τὰ γε πρῶτα βαρεῖαι<sup>5</sup> τε καὶ ἐπαχθεῖς οὔσαι καὶ οὐκ ἀναπλεύσασαι, ἀλλὰ<sup>6</sup> τηλικάδε οὐκέτι τοιαῦται· ἀποδιδράσκουσι δὲ τὸν νότον, καὶ φεύγουσι τὸν βορρᾶν, καὶ οὐδὲ τὸν εὐρον<sup>7</sup> ἀνέχονται. χαίρουσι δὲ ἀκύμονι θαλάττῃ, καὶ ζεφύρου καταπνεούσαις αὔραις ἡδέαις τε καὶ μαλακαῖς. ὑπὸ ταύταις οὖν τοὺς ἑαυτῶν εἰλυοὺς<sup>8</sup> ἐκλιποῦσαι, μεμυκνυῖαι τε καὶ κατάκλειστοι ἔτι, ἀνίσταν ἐκ τῶν μυχῶν, καὶ ἀκύμονος οὔσης τῆς θαλάττης νέουσι· καὶ τότε ἀνοίξασαι τὰς ἑαυτῶν στέγας ἐκκύπτουσι, ὥς ἐκ τῶν ἰδίων θαλάμων αἱ νύμφαι ἢ τὰ ῥόδα πρὸς τὴν εἰλην ὑπαλεανθέντα καὶ ἐκκύψαντα τῶν καλύκων. οὐκοῦν<sup>9</sup> κατὰ μικρὰ

<sup>1</sup> καὶ μόλις *del.* H.<sup>3</sup> Jac: ἀπάσας τὰς.<sup>5</sup> ἑαυταῖς βαρεῖται.<sup>2</sup> ἀνακραθείσαι.<sup>4</sup> αὐταῖς.<sup>6</sup> Jac: ἀλλ' αἱ.

12. Clams of the sea are of different kinds, for The Clam some of them are rough, others perfectly smooth; some you can crush by the mere pressure of the fingers, others you will hardly smash with a stone; some are of a deep black colour, others you might compare with silver, others again are clothed in a blend of the aforesaid colours. Their species differ and their habitats are very various, for some lie scattered in the sands of the sea-shore or rest at times in the mud, others lie low beneath the sea-moss, while others lay hold of reefs and cling to them with might and main. In the Istrian Sea,<sup>a</sup> as it is called, these Clams in summer time at the beginning of the harvesting season swim along together like a herd of cattle, floating lightly to the surface, although up to this time they have been too heavy and weighty to float upwards, but now they are no longer so. And they avoid the South wind and flee before the North, and cannot endure even the East wind, but their delight is in a waveless sea and when the pleasant and gentle breezes of the West wind blow. And so beneath their influence they quit their burrows, with their shells still closed and fast shut, and mount upwards from their recesses and, when the sea is waveless, swim around. And then they open their coverings and peep forth, like brides looking down from their private chambers or like rosebuds that, warmed a little, have peeped out of their flower-cups towards the sun's heat. And so little by little they

<sup>a</sup> That part of the Euxine that lies off Istrus, S of the mouths of the Danube.<sup>7</sup> τὸν εὐρον οὐδέ.<sup>9</sup> οὐκοῦν καὶ αἱ κόγχαι.<sup>8</sup> εἰλέους.

ὑποθαρροῦσαι,<sup>1</sup> <καί><sup>2</sup> μάλα γε ἀσμένως ἡσυχάζουσι καὶ ἀτρεμοῦσι τὸν ἐταῖρον ἀνεμον προσδεχόμεναι, καὶ τὸν μὲν ὑπεστώρεσαν χιτῶνα, τὸν δὲ ὠρθωσαν, καὶ πλέουσι τῷ μὲν ἰστίῳ αἱ χῆμαι, τῷ δὲ σκάφει χρώμεναι. καὶ προΐασι μὲν τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον, ἡσυχίας οὐσης καὶ εὐδίας (οὐδὲν φαίης ἂν μακρόθεν ἰδὼν ἢ νηϊτὴν στολὸν εἶναι). εἰ δὲ αἰσθωνται νεὺς ἐπίπλουν ἢ ἔφοδον θηρίου ἢ νῆξιν ἰχθύος ἀδροῦ, ἑαυτὰς ὑφ' ἐνὶ κρότῳ τῶν ὀστράκων πτύξασαι, κατὰ λισθόν τε ἀθρόαι καὶ ἡφανίσθησαν.

13. Ὁ δὲ αἰμόρρους (εἴη δ' ἂν γένος ἔχεις οὗτος) μάλιστα ἐν τοῖς πετρώδεσι χηραμοῖς ἤθη τε ἔχει καὶ διατριβάς. μήκός τε σώματος εἴληχε πόδα, πλάτος δὲ ἐξ εὐρείας τῆς κεφαλῆς μείουρος κάτεισιν ἔστε ἐπὶ τὴν οὐράν· καὶ πῇ μὲν φλογώδης ἰδεῖν ἔστι, πῇ δὲ δεινὸς μέλας· φρίττει δὲ τὴν κεφαλὴν οἶονεὶ κέρασί τισιν. ἔρπει δὲ ἡσυχὸς ἐπιθλίβων τὰς τῆς νηδύος φολίδας, λοξὸν δὲ οἶμον προείσιν. ἡρέμα οὖν<sup>3</sup> ὑπῆχει, ὡς καταγνώναι νῶθειαν αὐτοῦ καὶ οὐδένειαν. δακῶν δὲ νύγμα ἐργάζεται, καὶ τοῦτό γε ἰδεῖν ἔστι παραχρήμα κυανοῦν, καρδιώττει γε μὴν ὁ πληγείς· μάλα<sup>4</sup> οἰκτιστός,<sup>5</sup> ἐκκρίνει δὲ ἡ γαστήρ ὀχετούς. νύξ δὲ ἀφίκετο ἢ πρώτῃ, καὶ αἷμα ἐκρεῖ διὰ τε ῥινῶν καὶ αὐχένος καὶ μέντοι καὶ δι' ὠτῶν σὺν ἰῷ χολώδει, οὐδρα δὲ ἀφήσιν ὑφαιμα ἢ κύστις. εἰ δὲ καὶ ὠτειλαί εἰσὶ τινες παλαιαὶ περὶ τὸ σῶμα, ῥήγνυνται καὶ αὐταί. εἰ δὲ θῆλυς αἰμόρρους κρούσει τινὶ <ἰόν><sup>6</sup> μεθήσιν, καὶ ἐς τὰ οὐλα ὁ

<sup>1</sup> ὑποθαροῦσαι.  
<sup>2</sup> γούν.

<sup>3</sup> <καί> add. H.  
<sup>4</sup> ἀλλά.

gather courage and are glad to rest quietly while waiting for the friendly breeze; and one of their coverings the Clams spread beneath them, the other they raise, and with the latter for sail and the former for skiff they float along. And in this way they move forward when the sea is calm and the weather fine. To see them from a distance you would say that it was a fleet of ships. If however they perceive some vessel approaching or some savage creature advancing or some monstrous fish swimming by, with one clash of their shells they fold up, sink in a mass, and are gone.

13. The *Haemorrhous* or 'Blood-letter' is a species of snake which lives and has its haunts chiefly among rocky hollows. Its body is one foot long, and its width tapers downwards from its broad head to its tail. At one time it has a fiery hue, at another pitch-black, and on its head there bristle what look like horns. It crawls softly as it scrapes the scales of its belly along the ground, and its course is crooked. And so it makes a gentle rustling, which shows how sluggish and how feeble it is. But when it bites it makes a puncture which immediately appears dark blue, and the victim suffers agonising pains in his stomach, while the belly discharges copious fluid. On the first night after, blood streams from the nose and throat and even from the ears together with a bile-like poison, and the bladder emits blood-stained water. Also if there are any old scars on the body they break open. But if a female Blood-letter darts poison as it strikes, the poison mounts to the gums, blood streams copiously

<sup>5</sup> Jac: ὠκιστοί.

<sup>6</sup> <ἰόν> add. OSchn.

ἰὸς ἀναθεῖ, καὶ ἐκ τῶν ὀνύχων ἄκρων<sup>1</sup> αἷμα ἐκχεῖται  
πάμπολυ, καὶ ἐκθλίβονται τῶν οὐλῶν οἱ ὀδόντες.  
τούτῳ φασι τῷ θηρίῳ περιπέσειν ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ τὸν  
τοῦ Μενέλεω κυβερνήτην Κάνωβον Θώνιδος βασι-  
λεῦντος, καὶ συνείσαν τὴν Ἑλένην τοῦ δακετοῦ  
τὴν ἰσχὺν κατὰξαι μὲν αὐτοῦ τὴν ῥάχιν, ἐξελεῖν δὲ  
τὸ φάρμακον. ἐς τίνα δὲ ἄρα χρεῖαν ἔσπευσε  
λαβεῖν τὸ θησαύρισμα τοῦτο, οὐκ οἶδα.

14. Κομίζουσι δὲ ἄρα τῷ σφετέρῳ βασιλεῖ οἱ  
Ἰνδοὶ τίγρεις πεπωλευμένους καὶ τιθάσους πάνθη-  
ρας καὶ ὄρυγας τετράκερως, βοῶν δὲ γένη δύο,  
δρομικοὺς τε καὶ ἄλλους ἀγρίους δεινῶς. ἐκ  
τούτων γε τῶν βοῶν καὶ τὰς μυιοσόβας<sup>2</sup> ποιοῦν-  
ται, καὶ τὸ μὲν <ἄλλο><sup>3</sup> σῶμα παμμέλανές εἰσιν  
οἶδε, τὰς δὲ οὐρὰς ἔχουσι λευκάς ἰσχυρῶς. καὶ  
περιστερὰς ὠχρὰς κομίζουσιν, ὥσπερ<sup>4</sup> οὖν καὶ  
λέγουσι μῆτε ἡμεροῦσθαι μῆτε ποτὲ πραῦνεσθαι,  
καὶ ὄρνιθας δέ, οὐς κερκορώνους<sup>5</sup> φιλοῦσιν ὀνο-  
μάζειν, καὶ κύνας γενναίους, ὑπὲρ ὧν ἄνω μοι λέ-  
λεκται, καὶ πιθήκους λευκοὺς καὶ μελαντάτους  
ἄλλους.<sup>6</sup> τοὺς γάρ τοι πυρροὺς ὡς γυναιμανεῖς ἐς  
τὰς πόλεις οὐκ ἄγουσιν, ἀλλὰ καὶ ποθεν ἐπιτηδή-  
σαντες ἀναιροῦσιν, ὡς μοιχοὺς μεμνησκότες.

<sup>1</sup> ἐκ τῶν ὀνύχων ἄκρων, after μεθήσιν in the MSS, transposed  
by OSchn, comp. Nic. Th. 305.

<sup>2</sup> Ges.: τοὺς (τὰς) μυιοσόβους.

<sup>3</sup> <ἄλλο> add. H.

<sup>4</sup> οἷασπερ.

<sup>5</sup> κερκίανας Ges.

<sup>6</sup> ἄλλους καὶ τοὺς πιθήκους.

from the finger-nails, and the teeth are forced out  
from the gums. This, they say, was the savage  
creature that Canobus, the helmsman of Menelaus, The tale of  
Canobus and  
Helen  
encountered in Egypt during the reign of Thonis;  
and when Helen realised how strong this venomous  
beast was she broke its spine and extracted the  
poison. But for what purpose she was eager to  
obtain this precious stuff I am unable to say.<sup>a</sup>

14. The people of India bring to their king tigers Animals  
presented to  
the Indian  
King  
that they have trained, tame panthers,<sup>b</sup> four-horned  
antelopes, two kinds of oxen, the one swift of foot,  
the other exceedingly wild. From these oxen they  
contrive fly-whisks, and whereas the rest of their  
body is entirely black, their tails are dazzlingly  
white. They bring also pale-yellow doves which  
are said never to become domesticated, never to be  
tamed; those birds too which they are accustomed to  
call *Cercorōnoi* (mynahs);<sup>c</sup> and hounds of good pedi-  
gree (I have spoken of these above);<sup>d</sup> and apes, some  
white, some the deepest black: the reddish ones,<sup>e</sup>  
which are too fond of women, they do not introduce  
into their towns, but if they can contrive somehow to  
spring upon them, they put them to death, because  
they detest them as adulterers.

<sup>a</sup> It seems impossible to identify this snake; see Gow-  
Scholfield on Nicander, Th. 282-319.

<sup>b</sup> 'Panther' and 'leopard' are synonymous terms, al-  
though in 7. 47 Ael. appears to distinguish them. Perh.  
render 'snow-leopard' or 'ounce.'

<sup>c</sup> κερκορώνος conjecturally identified with κερκίαν, the  
Indian mynah; though κερκο- 'would suggest one of the  
handsome long-tailed Jays' (Thompson, *Gk. birds*).

<sup>d</sup> See 4. 19; 8. 1.

<sup>e</sup> The Orang-utan (Gossen § 241).

15. Ἰνδῶν δὲ ὁ μέγας βασιλεὺς μιᾶς ἡμέρας ἀνὰ πᾶν ἔτος ἀγωνίας προτίθησι τοῖς τε ἄλλοις ὅσοις εἰπόν ἑτέρωθι, ἐν δὲ <sup>1</sup> τοῖς καὶ ζώοις ἀλόγοις, ἀλλὰ ἐκείνοις <γε> <sup>2</sup> ὧν ἐκπέφυκε κέρατα. κυρίττει δὲ ταῦτα ἄλληλα, καὶ φύσει τινὶ θαυμαστῇ μέχρι νίκης ἀμιλλᾶται, ὥσπερ οὖν ἀθλῆται ἢ ὑπὲρ ἄλλων μεγίστων ἰσχυριζόμενοι ἢ ὑπὲρ κλέους σεμνοῦ καὶ φήμης τινὸς ἀγαθῆς. εἰσὶ δὲ οἱ ἀγωνισταὶ οἷδε οἱ ἄλογοι. ταῦτοί τε ἄγριοι καὶ κριοὶ ἡμεροὶ καὶ οἱ καλούμενοι † μέσοι † <sup>3</sup> καὶ ὄνοι μονόκερω καὶ † ὕαιναί.† <sup>4</sup> φασι δὲ εἶναι τοῦτο τὸ ζῶον δορκάδος μὲν ἦττον, ἐλάφου δὲ πολλῶ θρασύτερον καὶ θυμούμενον ἐς κέρα. εἴτα ἐπὶ πᾶσιν οἱ ἐλέφαντες ἀγωνισταὶ παρίασιν. προχωροῦσι δὲ οὗτοι καὶ μέχρι θανάτου τιτρώσκοντες ἀλλήλους τοῖς κέρασιν, καὶ πολλάκις μὲν ὁ ἕτερος κρατεῖ καὶ ἀποκτείνει τὸν ἀντίπαλον, πολλάκις δὲ καὶ συναποθνήσκουσιν.

16. Θεόφραστος οὗ φησι τοῦ ἔχεναι τὰ βρέφη διεσθίειν τῆς μητρὸς τὴν γαστέρα, ὥσπερ οὖν θυροκοποῦντα, ἵνα τι καὶ παίσω, <sup>5</sup> καὶ ἐξαράττοντα πεφραγμένην ἔξοδον, ἀλλὰ τοῦ θήλεος θλιβομένου <sup>6</sup> καὶ τῆς γαστρὸς οἱ στεινομένης ('Ομηρεῖος δὲ εἶπον), τὴν δὲ οὐκ ἀντέχειν ἀλλὰ διαρρήγνυσθαι. καὶ με πείθει λέγων, ἐπεὶ τοὶ καὶ θαλάττιαι βελόνας ἀκολποὶ τε οὐσαι καὶ λεπταὶ ὅτι τὰ αὐτὰ πάσχουσιν ὑπὸ τῶν σφετέρων βρέφων καὶ ἐκείναι ἄνω πον τῶν λόγων εἶπον. Ἡρόδοτος δὲ ἀξιώ μὴ μοι

<sup>1</sup> δὲ δή.

<sup>3</sup> Corrupt.

<sup>5</sup> παίξω.

<sup>2</sup> <γε> add. H.

<sup>4</sup> Corrupt.

<sup>6</sup> τὸν θῆλυ. θλιβομένου.

15. In India the Great King on one day in every year arranges contests not only for various creatures, as I have said elsewhere,<sup>a</sup> but among them between dumb animals also, or at any rate for those which are born with horns. And these butt each other and struggle with an instinct truly astonishing until one is victorious, as in fact athletes do, using all their strength to win the highest prizes or to achieve glorious renown and a noble fame. But these dumb combatants are wild bulls, tame rams, and what are called *mesoi*<sup>b</sup> and one-horned asses and *hyainai*. They say that this animal is smaller than a gazelle but far more spirited than a stag and that it vents its fury with its horns. And last of all there come forward elephants to the fight: they advance and wound one another to the death with their tusks, and frequently one comes off victor and kills its adversary; frequently also both die together.

16. Theophrastus<sup>c</sup> denies that the young of a Viper eat through their mother's belly, as though they were breaking open a door (if I may be allowed the jest) or forcing an exit that had been blocked; but as the female is subjected to pressure and as its belly is (to use the language of Homer) 'straitened,'<sup>d</sup> it is unable to hold out and so bursts. And his statement convinces me, for, you see, Pipe-fish too having no womb and being slim, go through the same process with their young, as I have explained somewhere earlier on.<sup>e</sup> But I trust that Herodotus will

<sup>a</sup> See ch. 24.

<sup>b</sup> *Mesoi* and *hyainai* have not been identified, and edd. regard the words as corrupt.

<sup>c</sup> Not in any extant work.

<sup>d</sup> E.g. *Il.* 14. 34.

<sup>e</sup> See 9. 60.

μηνίειν, εἰ μύθοις ἐγγράφω ὅσα ὑπὲρ τῆς τῶν ἔχων ὠδίνος ἄδει.

17. Φυσικὴ δὲ ἄρα ἦν τις κοινωνία καὶ συγγένεια λέοντι καὶ δελφίνι ἀπόρρητος· οὐ γὰρ ὅτι βασιλεύουσιν ὁ μὲν τῶν χερσαίων ὁ δὲ τῶν ἐναλίων, τοῦτο ἀπόχρη, ἀλλὰ γάρ τοι καὶ τῆκωνται<sup>1</sup> προϊόντες ἐς γῆρας,<sup>2</sup> ὁ μὲν τὸν χερσαῖον πίθηκον ἔχει φάρμακον, ὁ δὲ ἀναζητεῖ τὸν συμφυῆ. ὥς γάρ ἐστι καὶ ἐν θαλάττῃ πίθηκος, εἰπόν πον· καὶ ἔστι καὶ τῷδε οὗτος ἀγαθόν, ὥς ἐκείνῳ ἐκείνος.

18. Ἔστι δὲ ἄρα ἐν τοῖς ἀδιηγῆτοις καὶ ἀριθμοῦ περιττοτέροις καὶ σπηδεῶν, κακὸν ἐρπετόν· ὁμοχρουν τε εἶναι τῷ αἰμόρρῳ καὶ τήνδ᾽ φησὶ Νίκανδρος καὶ ἀδελφὴν κατὰ σχῆμα. καὶ τοῦτο ἐκείνος λέγει· ὠκυτέρα τε<sup>3</sup> εἶναι δοκεῖ, παρίστησι δὲ καὶ τινα σμικρότητος<sup>4</sup> φαντασίαν· γυρὸν γὰρ<sup>5</sup> καὶ ἑλικτὸν πρόεισι τὸν οἶμον, καὶ μάλιστα ἐν τούτῳ διαφεύδεται τοὺς ὁρῶντας ὅση τὸ μέγεθός ἐστιν. δεινὸν δὲ ἄρα τὸ ἐξ αὐτῆς τραῦμα· πρόεισι γοῦν καὶ ὑποσῆπει, καὶ τήν γε θῆρα<sup>6</sup> τὴν προειρημένην ἀποδείκνυσιν φεράννυμον. ὁ γοῦν ἰὸς ἐπὶ πᾶν θβείται τὸ σῶμα τάχῃ ἀμάχῳ, καὶ μέντοι καὶ ἡ θρίξ καὶ ἐκείνη μυδῶσα ἀφανίζεται, λείβονται δὲ αἱ ὀφρύς καὶ αἱ βλεφαρίδες, καὶ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς ἀχλὺς κατέχει, καὶ ἔφηλοι γίνονται.

<sup>1</sup> καὶ τήκονται.

<sup>2</sup> γῆρας καὶ ἄλλως νοσήσαντες.

<sup>3</sup> δὲ Ges.

<sup>4</sup> ἀφίησι . . . σμικρὰν.

<sup>5</sup> γὰρ καὶ πέριξ.

not be angry with me if I reckon as fables all that he says [3. 109] regarding the birth of Vipers.

17. It seems that there is a certain natural association and kinship of a mysterious kind between the Lion and the Dolphin. It is not merely that one is king of land-animals and the other of fishes of the sea, but that when they advance to old age and begin to waste away, the Lion takes a land-monkey by way of medicine while the Dolphin searches for its equivalent in the sea: I have stated somewhere<sup>a</sup> that the sea also contains a 'monkey,' and this is beneficial to the Dolphin, just as the land-monkey is to the Lion.

Lion and  
Dolphin  
compared

18. Among the creatures which I have not described and which are past numbering, is the *Sépédon*, an evil reptile. Nicander says [*Th.* 320-33] that it is the same colour as the Blood-letter and is akin to it in appearance. This also he says: it seems to move more quickly, but conveys the impression of being smaller, for its path is crooked and tortuous, and it is chiefly for this reason that it deceives the spectator as to its real size. Now the wound which it inflicts is terrible: at any rate it spreads and festers and proves that the aforesaid creature is true to its name. At any rate the poison forces its way over the entire body with irresistible speed, and what is more, the hair turns clammy and perishes; the eyebrows and eyelashes fall away; darkness comes over the eyes and they are covered with white spots.

The  
*Sépédon*

<sup>a</sup> See 12. 27.

<sup>6</sup> Ges.: θήραν.



19. Χερσαία χελώνη ζῶν λαγνίστατον, ἀλλὰ ὅ γε ἄρρην· ὁμιλεῖ δὲ ἡ θήλεια ἀκουσα. καὶ λέγει Δημοστράτος, ἀνὴρ, ὡς λέγω<sup>1</sup> καὶ τοῦτο, τῶν ἐκ τῆς Ῥωμαίων βουλῆς γενόμενος (καὶ οὐ τί που διὰ τοῦτο ἤδη τεκμηριῶσαι ἱκανός, δοκεῖ δέ μοι ἐπιστήμης τῆς ἀλιευτικῆς ἐς ἄκρον ἐλάσαι καὶ ὅσα ἔγνω εἰπεῖν κάλλιστα· εἰ δὲ τί οἱ καὶ ἄλλο ἐσπούδασται τοῦδε σοβαρώτερον, καὶ σοφίας τῆς περὶ τὴν ψυχὴν προσέψανσεν, οὐκ ἂν θαυμάσαιμι<sup>2</sup>) λέγει δὲ ὅδε ὁ ἀνὴρ, ὑπὲρ ὅτου μὲν<sup>3</sup> ἑτέρου τὴν ὁμιλίαν ἀναίνεται ἡ θήλεια οὐκ ἔχειν σαφῶς εἰδέναι, τεκμαίρεσθαι δὲ ἐκείνῳ φησιν. ἡ θήλεια οὐκ ἄλλως ὁμιλεῖ ἢ πρὸς τὸν ἄρρενα ὁρώσα· καὶ ὁ μὲν ἐξέπλησε τὴν ἐπιθυμίαν κῆτα ἀπηλλάγη, ἡ δὲ ἑαυτὴν ἐπιστρέφει ἡκίστη ἐστὶ τῷ τε ὄγκῳ τοῦ χελωνίου καὶ ἐρεισθεῖσα ἐς τὴν γῆν. δείπνον οὖν ἐτοιμὸν ὑπὸ τοῦ γαμέτου καταλείπεται τοῖς τε ἄλλοις ζῴοις καὶ οὖν καὶ τοῖς αἰετοῖς. αἱ μὲν οὖν ταῦτα ὀρρωδοῦσιν, ὡς ἐκείνος λέγει, οἳ γε μὴν ἄρρενες<sup>4</sup> σωφρονούσας αὐτὰς καὶ τιθεμένας πρὸ τοῦ ἡδέος τὸ σωτήριον οὐκ ἔχουσιν ἀναπεῖσαι.<sup>5</sup> οἱ δὲ φύσει τινὶ ἀπορρήτῳ ἔγγα<sup>6</sup> προσείουσιν<sup>7</sup> ἐρωτικὴν καὶ δέους ἐπίληθον ἅπαντος.<sup>8</sup> ἦσαν δὲ ἄρα ἐρωτικῶς ἐχούσης χελώνης ἔγγες οὐκ ᾤδαι μὰ Δία, ὅποιας Θεόκριτος ὁ τῶν νομευτικῶν παιγνίων συνθέτης ληρεῖ, ἀλλ' ἀπόρρητος πόα, ἥσπερ οὖν οὔτε ἐκείνος ὄνομα εἰδέναι φησὶν, οὔτε ἄλλον ἐγνωκέναι ὁμολογεῖ· εἰκότασι δὲ τῇ πόα

<sup>1</sup> Jac: λέγει.

<sup>2</sup> οὐκ ἂν θ.] θαυμάσια αὐτοῦ.

<sup>3</sup> μὲν καί.

<sup>4</sup> ἄρρενες οἶδε.

19. The land-Tortoise is a most lustful creature, at least the male is; the female however mates unwillingly. And Demostratus, a member, I may add, of the Roman Senate—not that this makes him a sufficient voucher, though in my opinion he attained the summit of knowledge in matters of fishing and was an admirable expounder of his knowledge; nor should I be surprised if he had made a study of some weightier subject and had dealt with the science of the soul.—This Demostratus admits that he does not know precisely whether there is any other reason for the female declining to copulate, but he claims to vouch for the following fact. The female couples only when looking towards the male, and when he has satisfied his desire he goes away, while the female is quite unable to turn over again owing to the bulk of her shell and because she has been pressed into the ground. And so she is abandoned by her mate to provide a meal for other animals and especially for eagles. This then, according to Demostratus, is what the females dread, and since their desires are moderate and they prefer life to pleasurable indulgence, the males are unable to coax them to the act. And so by some mysterious instinct the males cast an amorous spell that brings forgetfulness of all fear [Hom. *Od.* 4. 221]. It seems that the spells of a Tortoise in loving mood are by no means songs, like the trifles which Theocritus, the composer of sportive pastoral poems, wrote, but a mysterious herb of which Demostratus admits that neither he nor anyone else knows the name. Apparently the males

<sup>5</sup> ἀναπεῖθειν.

<sup>7</sup> Schn: προϊᾶσιν.

<sup>6</sup> ἀμάχῳ ἔγγα ἀπορρήτως.

<sup>8</sup> Jac: παντός.

καλλωπίζεσθαι καὶ τινας ἀπορρήτους . . . † παλιώρας †.<sup>1</sup> εἰ γοῦν ἐκείνην διὰ στόματος ἔχοιεν, τὰ ἔμπαλιν γίνεται<sup>2</sup> τῶν προειρημένων· θρύπτεται μὲν γὰρ ὁ ἄρρην,<sup>3</sup> μεταθεῖ δὲ ἡ θήλεια ἡ τέως φεύγουσα νῦν φλεγομένη, καὶ ἐξοιστρᾶται καὶ ἰμείρει τῆς συνόδου· δέος δὲ ἐκείναις<sup>4</sup> φρουδόν ἐστι, καὶ ὑπὲρ ἑαυτῶν ὀρρωδοῦσιν ἥκιστα.

20. Θεσσαλονίκη τῇ Μακεδονίτιδι χώρος ἐστι γειτνίων καὶ καλεῖται Νίβας. οὐκοῦν οἱ ἐνταῦθα ἀλεκτρονύες ὥδῃς τῆς συμφυοῦς ἀμοιροῦσι καὶ σιωπῶσι πάντα πάντῃ. καὶ διαρρεῖ λόγος παροιμιώδης ἐπὶ τῶν ἀδυνάτων, ὃς λέγει 'τότε ἂν ἔχοιτε<sup>5</sup> τόδε τι, ὅταν Νίβας κοκκύῃ.'

21. Ὅτε Ἀλέξανδρος τὰ μὲν ἐδόκει τῆς Ἰνδῶν γῆς τὰ δὲ ἦρει, πολλοῖς μὲν καὶ ἄλλοις ζώοις ἐνέτυχεν, ἐν δὲ τοῖς καὶ δράκοντι, ὃν περ οὖν ἐν ἄνθρωπῳ τινὶ νομίζοντες ἱερὸν Ἰνδοὶ μετὰ πολλοῦ τοῦ θειασμοῦ προσετρέποντο,<sup>6</sup> οὐκοῦν παντοῖοι ἐγένοντο οἱ Ἰνδοὶ δεόμενοι τοῦ Ἀλεξάνδρου μηδένα ἐπιθέσθαι τῷ ζῳῷ· ὁ δὲ κατένευσε. παριούσης οὖν τῇ στρατιᾷ καὶ κτύπου γενομένου, εἶτα ὁ δράκων ἦσθετο· ὀξυηκοῦτάτων δὲ ἄρα ζώων ἐστὶ καὶ ὀξυαπέστατον· συριγμὸν μὲν οὖν ἀφήκε μέγιστον καὶ φύσημα, ὥς ἐκπλήξαι τε πάντας καὶ ἐκταράξαι. ἐλέγετο δὲ ἄρα πῆχυν ἑβδομήκοντα εἶναι, ἐφάνη γὰρ μὴν<sup>7</sup> οὐ πᾶς·

<sup>1</sup> Lacuna: παλιώρας 'vox nihili'.

<sup>2</sup> Schol.: ἔμπαλιν γίνεται τά.

<sup>3</sup> ἄρρην ἑρῶν ὡς οὐκ ἑρῶν.

<sup>4</sup> ἐκείνῳ.

adorn themselves with this herb, and some mysterious. . . . At any rate if they hold this herb in their mouth there ensues the exact opposite to what I have described: the male becomes coy, but the female hitherto reluctant is now full of ardour and pursues him in a frenzied desire to mate; fear is banished and the females are not in the least afraid for their own safety.

20. There is a region near to Thessalonica in Macedon which goes by the name of Nibas. Now the Cocks there lack their natural faculty of crowing and are absolutely silent. There is current a proverbial saying applied to things that are impossible, it is to this effect: 'You shall have such-and-such when Nibas crows.'

21. When Alexander threw some parts of India into a commotion and took possession of others he encountered among many other animals a Serpent which lived in a cavern and was regarded as sacred by the Indians who paid it great and superstitious reverence. Accordingly Indians went to all lengths imploring Alexander to permit nobody to attack the Serpent; and he assented to their wish. Now as the army passed by the cavern and caused a noise, the Serpent was aware of it. (It has, you know, the sharpest hearing and the keenest sight of all animals.) And it hissed and snorted so violently that all were terrified and confounded. It was reported to measure 70 cubits although it was not visible in all its length,

<sup>5</sup> Bernhardy: ἔχητε.

<sup>7</sup> καὶ ἐφάνη μὲν.

<sup>6</sup> Ges: προσετρέποντο.

μόνην γὰρ ἐξέκυψε τὴν κεφαλὴν.<sup>1</sup> καὶ οἱ γε ὀφθαλμοὶ ᾄδονται αὐτοῦ τὸ μέγεθος ἔχειν Μακεδονικῆς περιφεροῦς ἀσπίδος <sup>2</sup> μεγάλης.

22. Ταῖς κορώναις ἔργον τοὺς αἰτοὺς ἐρεσχελεῖν ἐστίν. οἱ δὲ ὑπερφρονοῦσιν αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκείναις <sup>3</sup> μὲν ἀπολείπουσιν τὴν κάτω φέρεσθαι πτῆσιν, αὐτοὶ δὲ τὸν αἰθέρα [ὑψηλότερον ὄντα] <sup>4</sup> ὠκίστοις <sup>5</sup> τέμνουσιν πτεροῖς, οὐ δήπου δεδιότες (πῶς γὰρ ἂν τοῦτο εἴποι τις, τὴν τῶν αἰτῶν ἀλκὴν καλῶς ἐπιστάμενος;) ἀλλὰ ἰδίᾳ τινὶ μεγαλονοίᾳ ἐώσω ἔρρειν ἐκείνας κάτω.

23. Τὸν ἰχθὺν τὸν πομπίλον οὐ μόνον Ποσειδῶνος λέγουσιν ἱερὸν εἶναι, ἀλλὰ καὶ τῶν ἐν Σαμοθράκῃ θεῶν φίλον. ἀλιέα γοῦν τινα ἐν τοῖς ἄνω τοῦ χρόνου τιμωρίαν ὑποσχεῖν τῷδε τῷ ἰχθύϊ. καὶ τὸ μὲν ὄνομα ἦν ὡς λόγος τοῦ ἀλιέως Ἐπωπεύς,<sup>6</sup> ἦν δὲ ἐξ Ἰκάρου τῆς νήσου, καὶ υἱὸς αὐτῷ ἦν. ἀθηρίας οὖν ποτε γενομένης ἰχθύων, ἀνήγαγε τὸν βόλον μόνους θηράσαντα πομπίλους,<sup>7</sup> οὐσπερ οὖν καὶ δεῖπνον σὺν τῷ παιδί ὁ Ἐπωπεύς ἔθετο. οὐκ ἐς μακρὰν δὲ δίκη τιμωρὸς <sup>8</sup> μετῆλθεν αὐτόν. τῇ γὰρ ἀλιάδι αὐτοῦ κῆτος ἐπελθὼν ἐν ὅψει τοῦ παιδὸς τὸν Ἐπωπέα κατέπιε. λέγουσι δὲ καὶ τοὺς δελφίνας πολεμίους τῷ πομπίλῳ εἶναι, οὐ μὴν οὐδὲ ἐκείνους καλῶς ἀπαλλάττειν ὅταν αὐτοῦ γεύσωνται· σφαδάζουσι γὰρ παραχρήμα καὶ ἐκμαί-

<sup>1</sup> μόνη . . . ἡ κεφαλὴ H.

<sup>2</sup> Ges: ἐκείνας.

<sup>3</sup> τοῖς ὠκίστοις.

<sup>4</sup> τοὺς πομπίλους.

<sup>5</sup> περιφεροῦς μεγάλης del. H.

<sup>6</sup> [ὑψ. ὄντα] gloss. H.

<sup>7</sup> Gill: Ὀπωπεύς here and below.

<sup>8</sup> τιμωρὸς αὐτῶν.

for it only put its head out. At any rate its eyes are said to have been the size of a large, round Macedonian shield.

22. Crows make it their business to worry Eagles, <sup>Crow and Eagle</sup> but they despise the Crows and leave them to fly at a lower level, while they themselves cleave the upper air on the swiftest of wings, not of course because they are afraid (how could anyone knowing well what the might of Eagles is say such a thing!): it is rather from what I may call their own magnanimity that they allow those birds to go their miserable way down below.

23. They say that the Pilot-fish is sacred not only <sup>The Pilot-fish</sup> to Poseidon but is also beloved of the gods of Samothrace.<sup>a</sup> At any rate a certain fisherman in the olden days was punished by this fish. The name of the fisherman was, according to the story, Epopeus, and he came from the island of Icarus<sup>b</sup> and had a son. Now on one occasion after they had failed to find any fish Epopeus drew up his net with a catch consisting entirely of Pilot-fish, off which he and his son made a meal. But not long after, avenging justice overtook him, for a sea-monster attacked his boat and swallowed Epopeus before the very eyes of his son.

And they also say that Dolphins are the enemies of the Pilot-fish, and they again do not escape unharmed when they eat one, for they immediately begin to writhe and go quite mad, and being

<sup>a</sup> The Cabiri, who were later confused with the Dioscuri.

<sup>b</sup> Icaria, an island of the Sporades off the SW. coast of Asia Minor.

νουνται, καὶ ἀτρεμεῖν ἀδυνατοῦντες ἐπὶ τοὺς αἰγια-  
λοὺς ἐκφέρονται, καὶ ἅπαξ ἐκβρασθέντες ὑπὸ τοῦ  
κύματος κορώναις τε εἰναλίσαι<sup>1</sup> καὶ λάροις  
δείπνῳ εἰσω. λέγει δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος ὁ Ῥόδιος ἢ  
Ναυκρατίτης ὅτι καὶ ἄνθρωπός ποτε οὗτος ἦν, καὶ  
ἐπόρθημεν. ὁ δὲ Ἀπόλλων ἠράσθη κόρης, καὶ  
ἐπειράτο αὐτῇ ὁμιλῆσαι· ἡ δὲ ἀποδιδράσκουσα  
ἦλθεν εἰς Μίλητον καὶ ἐδεήθη Πομπίλου τινὸς  
θαλαττουργοῦ, ἵνα αὐτὴν διαγάγοι τὸν πορθμόν·  
ὁ δὲ ὑπήκουσεν. ἐπιφανείς δὲ ὁ Ἀπόλλων τὴν  
μὲν κόρην ἀρπάξει, τὴν δὲ ναῦν λίθον ἐργάζεται,  
τὸν δὲ Πομπίλον εἰς τὸν ἰχθὺν τοῦτον μετέβαλεν.

24. Ἰνδοὶ δὲ ἄρα καὶ περὶ τοὺς βοῦς τοὺς  
δρομικοὺς τίθενται σπουδὴν. καὶ ὑπὲρ τῆς ὠκύτη-  
τος τῆς ἐκείνων ἀμιλλῶνται βασιλεῖς τε αὐτὸς καὶ  
τῶν ἀρίστων πολλοί, καὶ ποιοῦνται ῥήτρας ἐπὶ  
χρυσίῳ παμπόλλῳ καὶ ἀργυρίῳ, καὶ οὐχ ἡγοῦνται  
αἰσχρὸν εἶναι ἐρίζεσθαι ὑπὲρ τῶνδε τῶν ζώων,  
συνωρίζουσι δὲ αὐτοὺς ἄρα καὶ ὑπὲρ τῆς νίκης  
κυβεύουσιν. οἱ μὲν οὖν ἵπποι ζύγιοι θέουσιν, οἱ  
δὲ βοῦς παράσειροι, καὶ ἐγχρίμπει τῇ νύσσει ὁ  
ἕτερος, καὶ δεῖ δραμεῖν σταδίους τριάκοντα. ἴσου  
δὲ τοῖς ἵπποις οἱ βόες συνθέουσι, καὶ οὐκ ἂν  
ἀποκρίνειας τὸν ὠκύτερον οὔτε βοὴν οὔτε ἵππον·  
ἐὰν δὲ ποτε ὁ βασιλεὺς πρὸς τινα ὑπὲρ τῶν  
ἑαυτοῦ βοῶν σύνθηται, εἰς τοσαύτην προχωρεῖ  
φιλονικίαν, ὥς αὐτὸς ἐφ' ἄρματος ἐπέσθαι, καὶ

<sup>1</sup> εἰναλίσαι.

<sup>a</sup> The 'Little Manx Shearwater.' Wellmann sees in these words a reminiscence of Pancrates, epic poet, 2nd cent. A.D.,

incapable of remaining still are carried on to beaches, and when once they are cast ashore by the wave they furnish a meal to 'sea-crows' <sup>a</sup> [Hom. *Od.* 5. 66] and sea-mews. And Apollonius of Rhodes or of Naucratis says <sup>b</sup> that the Pilot-fish was once actually a human being and a ferryman. And Apollo fell in love with a maiden and attempted to lie with her, but she escaped and came to Miletus and implored one Pompilus, a seaman, to conduct her across the strait. He agreed to do so, but Apollo appeared and seized the maiden, turned the ship into stone, and transformed Pompilus into this fish.

24. The Indians devote much attention to fast-  
running Oxen. And the King himself and many of the nobles make the speed of their oxen the subject of contest, and lay wagers in immense sums of gold and silver, and think no shame to compete with one another respecting these animals, indeed they couple them together and gamble on the race for victory. Now the horses run yoked together, while the Oxen are harnessed alongside and one of them almost grazes the turning-post; they have to run 30 *stadēs*. The Oxen run as fast as the horses and you could not tell which is the faster of the two, the Ox or the horse. If, as sometimes happens, the King makes a wager with someone over his own Oxen, so full of emulous zeal does he become that he himself follows in a chariot and urges on the

whom Athenaeus (7. 283), cites as his authority for this same story; see *Hermes* 26. 523.

<sup>b</sup> See Powell, *Coll. Alex.* p. 6. The story was related by Apollonius in his poem *Κτίσις Ναυκράτους*, but it is thought unlikely that he was born or lived at Naucratis.

παρορμᾶν τὸν ἡνίοχον. ὁ δὲ ἄρα τοὺς μὲν ἵππους ἐξαίματτει τῷ κέντρῳ, τῶν δὲ βοῶν τὴν χεῖρα ἀνέχει· ἀκέντητοι γὰρ θεοῦσι. τοσαύτη δὲ ἔστι περὶ τὴν βοεικὴν ἀμιλλαν ἢ φιλοτιμία, ὥς μὴ μόνους τοὺς πλουσίους ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν ἐπὶ πολλῷ φιλονικεῖν μηδὲ τοὺς δεσπότας ἀλλὰ καὶ τοὺς θεωμένους, οἳα δὴπου καὶ ὁ Ἰδομενεὺς ὁ Κρήσι καὶ ὁ Λοκρὸς Αἴας παρ' <sup>1</sup> Ὀμήρῳ φιλονικούντε <sup>2</sup> ἀποδείκνυσθον. εἰσὶ δὲ καὶ ἕτεροι παρ' αὐτοῖς βόες, ἰδεῖν κατὰ τοὺς μεγίστους τράγους· <καὶ> <sup>3</sup> αὐτοὶ δὲ καθ' ἑαυτοὺς ζεύγνυνται, καὶ τρέχουσιν ὠκιστα, καὶ τῶν ἵππων γε τῶν Γετικῶν οὐκ εἰσὶ νωθέστεροι.

25. Λόγος ἔχει τοὺς ἵππους τοὺς πίνοντας ἐκ τοῦ Κοσσινίτου ποταμοῦ (ἔστι δὲ οὗτος ἐν Θράκῃ) δεινῶς ἐκθηριουῖσθαι· ἐκδίδωσι δὲ ὁ ποταμὸς οὗτος ἐς τὴν Ἀβδηριτῶν, καὶ ἀναλίσκεται ἐς τὴν Βιστονικὴν λίμνην. ἐνταῦθά τοι καὶ τὰ βασιλεῖα γενέσθαι ποτὲ Διομήδους τοῦ Θρακός, ᾧ καὶ αἱ ἀνήμεροι ἐκεῖνοι ἵπποι κτῆμα ἦσαν ὁ Ἡράκλειος ἄθλος. τὸ δὲ αὐτό φασι πάσχειν καὶ τοὺς ἵππους τοὺς ἐκ τῆς Ποτνιαδος κρήνης πίνοντας. αἱ δὲ Ποτνιαὶ τὸ χωρίον, ἐνθα ἡ κρήνη, οὐ μακρὰν ἀπὸ Θηβῶν ἔστιν. Ὠρεΐτας <sup>4</sup> δὲ λέγουσι καὶ Γεδρωσίους <sup>5</sup> ἰχθὺς παραβάλλειν τοῖς ἵπποις χόρτον. Κελτοὺς δὲ ἀκούω καὶ τοῖς βουσί καὶ

<sup>1</sup> παρὰ τῷ.

<sup>2</sup> φιλονικούντες.

<sup>3</sup> <καὶ> add. H.

<sup>4</sup> Jac: Ὠρεΐτας.

<sup>5</sup> Gill: Ἀδρασίους.

\* The Compsantus of Hdt. 7. 109.

<sup>b</sup> The capture of the mares of Diomedes, King of the

driver. And the latter makes the horses quite bloody with his goad, but withholds his hand from the Oxen, for they run without any goading. And feeling runs so high over this ox-racing that not only the rich and the owners but the spectators also contend for large stakes, just as in Homer [Il. 23. 473-93] Idomeneus of Crete and Ajax of Locris are represented contending.

There are also in India other Oxen the size of the largest he-goats. These also are yoked together and run extremely fast, at any rate they are no less spirited than the horses of the Getae.

25. It is reported that Horses which drink from the river Cossinitus <sup>a</sup> (it is in Thrace) become terribly savage. This river empties itself into the territory of Abdera and is swallowed up in the Lake of the Bistones. Here, you know, was once the palace of Diomedes the Thracian who owned those famous wild mares, one of the 'Labours' of Heracles.<sup>b</sup> And they say that the same fate befalls horses that drink from the spring at Potniae.<sup>c</sup> The place called Potniae, where the spring is, lies not far from Thebes. They say that the inhabitants of Oraea and Gedrosia <sup>d</sup> give their Horses fish for fodder, and I am told that the Celts feed both their cattle and

Horses affected by certain waters

Bistones, was the 8th Labour imposed by Eurystheus upon Heracles. They ate human flesh, but after eating their master, whom Heracles had slain, became tame.

<sup>c</sup> Village in Boeotia, famed as the home of the mythical Glaucus, who was torn to pieces by his mares. It lay about 1 mi. SW of Thebes.

<sup>d</sup> Oraea (or Orae), a town on the eastern border of Gedrosia, a region corresponding more or less to the modern Makran and extending from the Gulf of Oman to the River Indus.

τοῖς ἵπποις ἰχθὺς διδόναι δείπνον. ἐνταῦθά τοι  
λέγουσι καὶ τοὺς ἵππους τὴν ἀποπνοὴν τὴν ἐκ τῶν  
ἀνθρώπων φεύγοντας ἐς τὰ νοτιώτερα τῆς Εὐρώπης  
φέρεισθαι, μάλιστα ὅταν οἱ νότοι καταπνέωσι. καὶ  
Μακεδόνας δὲ καὶ Λυδοὺς ὁμολογοῦσιν ὅτι καὶ  
αὐτοὺς ἰχθὺσι τοὺς ἑαυτῶν ἵππους τρέφειν, καὶ  
τὰ πρόβατα δὲ τὰ Λύδια καὶ τὰ Μακεδονικὰ ἐκ  
τῶν αὐτῶν πιαίνεσθαι. λέγουσιν. ἐν Μυσοῖς δὲ  
τῶν θηλειῶν ἵππων ἀναβαυομένων ἐπηύλουν τινές,  
οἷον ὑμέναιόν τινα τοῦτον τοῖς τῶν ἵππων γάμοις  
ἐπάδοντες. τὰς τε ἵππους ὑπὸ τοῦ μέλους θελγομέ-  
νας τάχιστα ἐγκύμονας γίνεσθαι, καὶ οὖν καὶ  
καλοὺς τοὺς πῶλους ἀποτίκτειν. καὶ ἐκεῖνο δὲ  
περὶ ἵππων ἤκουσα. τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους ἤδη φασὶ  
καὶ προήκοντας τὴν ἡλικίαν ἀσθενῆ γενῆναι τὰ ἐξ  
αὐτῶν ἐκγόνα. τὰ τε γὰρ ἄλλα καὶ τοὺς πόδας  
ἀγενεῖς ἔχειν. βίον δὲ ἵππων καὶ χρόνον ἀριθμοῦ-  
σιν ἐς τοσάδε ἔτη. τῶν μὲν<sup>1</sup> ἀρρένων ἐς πέντε  
καὶ τριάκοντα.<sup>2</sup> . . . Ἀριστοτέλης δ' ὁ Νικομάχου  
λέγει πέντε καὶ ἐβδομήκοντα ἔτη διαβιώναι ἵππον.

26. Ἐκ Σούσων τῶν Περσικῶν ἐς Μηδίαν  
ἀπόντι<sup>3</sup> ἐν τῷ δευτέρῳ σταθμῷ πάμπολύ τι  
λέγεται σκορπίων πλήθος γίνεσθαι, ὥστε τὸν τῶν  
Περσῶν βασιλέα, ὅποτε διόι,<sup>4</sup> πρὸ τριῶν ἡμερῶν  
προσάττειν πᾶσι θηρεύειν αὐτοὺς, καὶ τῷ πλείσ-  
τους θηράσαντι δῶρα διδόναι. εἰ γὰρ τοῦτο μὴ  
γένετο, ὁ χώρος ἀβατός ἐστιν. ὑπὸ παντὶ γὰρ

<sup>1</sup> μὲν γάρ.

<sup>2</sup> Lacuna.

<sup>3</sup> Schn: ἀπόντων.

<sup>4</sup> Schn; δὴ ἴοι.

their horses on fish. In their country, it is said, the  
Horses actually flee from the scent of human beings  
and hasten to the more southerly parts of Europe,  
especially when the South Wind blows. And there  
are those who bear witness to the fact that the  
inhabitants of Macedonia and of Lydia also feed <sup>fed on fish</sup>  
their horses on fish, and who assert that the sheep  
of Lydia and of Macedonia are fattened on the same  
diet. In Moesia while Mares are in process of being  
covered some people play the pipe, accompanying  
the marriage of Horses with nuptial music, as it <sup>affected by</sup>  
were; and the Mares are so enchanted by the <sup>music</sup>  
melody that they very soon become pregnant and,  
what is more, produce beautiful foals. This too I  
have heard concerning Horses. They say that when  
Horses are older and advanced in years the offspring  
which they beget is feeble, having besides other <sup>their age</sup>  
defects poor legs. The age and life of Horses men  
reckon as so many years: in the case of Stallions, five  
and thirty. . . .<sup>a</sup> But Aristotle the son of Nico-  
machus states [HA 545 b 20] that a Horse lived for  
five and seventy years.

26. In the second stage of a journey from Susa in <sup>Scorpions</sup>  
Persia to Media there are said to be <sup>in Persia</sup> Scorpions  
in multitudes, so that when the Persian King is going  
to pass that way he issues orders three days in ad-  
vance that everybody is to hunt them, and bestows  
presents on the man who has caught the greatest  
number. For if this were not done, the region  
would be impassable, for 'beneath every stone'

<sup>a</sup> Some words must have been lost here, corresponding to  
Aristotle's ἡ δὲ θήλεια πλείω τῶν τετταράκοντα, 'in the case of  
Mares, more than forty.'

λίθῳ καὶ βῶλῳ πάσῃ σκορπίος ἐστί. λέγουσι δὲ καὶ ὑπὸ σκολοπενδρῶν ἐξαναστῆναι Ροιτιεῖς τοσοῦτο πλήθος αὐτοῖς ἐπεφόιτησε τούτων. φασὶ δὲ καὶ ἐν Κυρήνῃ μυῶν διάφορα γίνεσθαι<sup>1</sup> γένη οὐ μόνον ταῖς χροαῖς, ἀλλὰ καὶ ταῖς μορφαῖς· ἐνίους γὰρ αὐτῶν πλατυπροσώπους εἶναι καθάπερ τὰς γαλάς, καὶ αὖ πάλιν ἄλλους ἐχινώδεις,<sup>2</sup> οὗσπερ οὖν καὶ οἱ ἐπιχώριοι καλοῦσι ἐχινέας. ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ δὲ ἀκούω διποδας εἶναι μῦς, καὶ μεγίστους μεγέθει φύεσθαι, τοῖς γε μὴν ἐμπροσθίοις ποσὶν ὡς χερεὶ χρῆσθαι· εἶναι γὰρ αὐτοὺς τῶν ὀπισθεν βραχυτέρους.<sup>3</sup> βαδίζουσι δὲ ὀρθοὶ ἐπὶ τοῖν δυοῖν ποδοῖν· ὅταν δὲ διώκωνται, πηδῶσι. Θεόφραστος λέγει ταῦτα.

27. Λέγει τις λόγος<sup>4</sup> τοὺς ὄρνιθας τοὺς ἀτταγᾶς μετακομισθέντας ἐς Αἴγυπτον ἐκ Λυδίας καὶ ἀφεθέντας ἐς τὰς ὕλας τὰ μὲν πρῶτα ὄρνυγος φωνὴν ἀφιέναι· χρόνῳ δὲ ὕστερον τοῦ ποταμοῦ κοίλου ρυέντος λιμὸς ἐγένετο, καὶ πολλοὶ τῶν κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἀπώλλυντο. οὐ διελίπον οὖν οἱ ὄρνιθες οὗτοι πολλῷ σαφέστερον καὶ ἐναρθρότερον παιδίου φθέγμα.<sup>5</sup> ἀφιέντες καὶ λέγοντες 'τρεῖς τοῖς κακοῖς τὰ κακά.' λέγει δὲ ὁ αὐτὸς λόγος ὅτι συλληφθέντες καὶ ἀγρευθέντες οὐ μόνον οὐ τιθασεύονται, ἀλλὰ οὐδὲ φωνὴν ἔτι ἀφιάσιν· ἢν πρότερον ἠφίεσαν· ἡ δουλεία γὰρ αὐτῶν καὶ ἡ κάθειρξις<sup>6</sup> καταληφίζεται σιωπῇ. εἰ δὲ ἀφεθῶσι καὶ ἐλευθέρων ἀπλώσωσι

and every clod 'there lurks a scorpion.' And they say that the inhabitants of Rhoeteum<sup>a</sup> were driven out by centipedes, so great was the multitude that invaded them. They say too that in Cyrene there are species of mice which differ not only in colour but in form: some for instance have flat faces like martens, others again look like hedgehogs (*echinoi*), and these the natives call 'prickly mice' (*echinees*).<sup>b</sup> And I have heard that in Egypt there are mice<sup>c</sup> with only two legs, and that they grow to a great size, but their front legs they use as hands, for they are shorter than their hind legs. And they walk erect on their two legs, but when pursued they jump. This is what Theophrastus says [*fr.* 174. 8].

27. There is a story that the birds known as The Francolins when transported from Lydia to Egypt and let loose in the woods, at first uttered the note of a quail. Later on, owing to the river being confined in its hollow bed, a famine broke out and many of the inhabitants perished, whereupon these same birds never ceased to utter with a sound far clearer and more articulate than any child words meaning 'Three curses on the accursed.' And the same story tells how if they are captured and snared they not only refuse to be tamed but no longer even utter the notes which they did before: their servitude and confinement decree silence against them. If however they are let go and can unfold their wings at liberty

<sup>a</sup> Town in the Troad on the Hellespont.

<sup>b</sup> This is the *Mus cahirinus* of the genus *Acomys*, allied both to the rat and the mouse.

<sup>c</sup> Ael. is referring to the Jerboa.

<sup>6</sup> καὶ ἡ κάθειρξις *del. H.*

τὸ πτερόν, καὶ ἐς ἥθη τὰ ἑαυτῶν ἀφίκωνται πάλιν γίνονται ἔμφωνοι, ὁμοῦ καὶ τὸ φθέγμα καὶ τὴν παρρησίαν ἀναλαβόντες.

28. Λέγουσι δὲ καὶ τοὺς σκῶπας (ὧν καὶ "Ὀμηρος ἐν 'Οδυσσεΐᾳ μέμνηται λέγων πολλοὺς αὐτοὺς περὶ τὸ ἄντρον τὸ τῆς Καλυψοῦς εὐνάζεσθαι) καὶ ἐκείνους ἀλίσκεσθαι ὀρχήσει. ἄνδρες <δὲ><sup>1</sup> ὀρχηστικοὶ φασι καὶ ὀρχήσεως εἶδος τι ἐξ αὐτῶν κεκλησθαι, καὶ εἴ γε αὐτοῖς χρή πιστεῦεν, ἢ ὀρχησις αὕτη σκῶψ κέκληται. καὶ τὸ μιμνῆσθαι δέ τινα<sup>2</sup> ἐπὶ τὸ γελοιότερον καὶ διαπαίξεν ἡδιστον δοκεῖ τοῖσδε τοῖς ὄρνισιν· ἔνθεν τοι <καὶ><sup>3</sup> ἐτρέπη ὁ λόγος, καὶ ἡμεῖς τὸ σκῶπτειν οὕτω καλοῦμεν. λέγεται δὲ ὁ σκῶψ οὗτος μικρότερος εἶναι γλαυκὸς καὶ τὴν χροάν ἔχειν μολίβω προσεικυῖαν τῷ βαθυτάτῳ,<sup>4</sup> ἔχειν δὲ τὰ πτερὰ αὐτοῦ φασι στίγματα<sup>5</sup> ὑπόλευκα. ἀναφαίνει<sup>6</sup> τε δύο ἀπὸ τῶν ὀφρύων παρ' ἑκάτερον τὸν κρόταφον πτερὰ. Καλλιμάχος δὲ δύο φησὶν εἶναι γένη σκωπῶν, καὶ τοὺς μὲν φθέγγεσθαι, τοὺς δὲ συγκεκληρῶσθαι σιωπῇ· καὶ τοὺς μὲν αὐτῶν λέγεσθαι σκῶπας, τοὺς δὲ ἀείσκωπας. λέγει δὲ Ἀριστοτέλης τοὺς παρ' Ὀμήρῳ διὰ τοῦ σίγμα μὴ λέγεσθαι, ἀλλὰ ἀπλῶς ὀνομάζεσθαι κῶπας. τοὺς οὖν τιθέντας τὸ σίγμα ἁμαρτάνειν τῆς κατὰ τὸ ὄνομα ἀληθείας καὶ τῆς Ὀμήρου περὶ τὸν ὄρνιν κρίσεώς τε καὶ

<sup>1</sup> <δὲ> add. H.

<sup>2</sup> τινας.

<sup>3</sup> <καὶ> add. H.

<sup>4</sup> βαθύτατα.

<sup>5</sup> καὶ στίγματα.

and return to their own haunts, they again become vocal and recover both their voice and their freedom of speech together.

28. They say that men catch the Little Horned Owl also<sup>a</sup> (mentioned in the *Odyssey* [5. 66] by Homer who says that it nests in great numbers round about the cavern of Calypso) by dancing. And dancers assert that a certain kind of dance is called after this bird, and if we are to believe them this dance has been called 'the Little Horned Owl.' And that anyone should caricature and imitate them in a playful way affords these birds the greatest pleasure. This is the origin of the word *skōptēin* which we use, meaning 'to mock.' It is said that the Little Horned Owl is smaller than the Little Owl and that its colour resembles lead of the deepest hue, but its wings are said to have whitish speckles. And it displays two feathers rising from the brows on either temple. Callimachus [*fr.* 418 P] maintains that there are two kinds of Little Horned Owl, one kind is vocal, the other doomed to silence; the latter is called *skōps*, the former *aeiskōps*.<sup>b</sup> But Aristotle asserts that in Homer the word does not begin with a *sigma* (*skōps*), but that the birds are called simply *kōpes*. So those who prefix a *sigma* mistake the true spelling of the word and are mistaken as to Homer's judgment and knowledge of the

The Little  
Horned Owl

<sup>a</sup> 'Also,' i.e. as well as the Sting-ray; cp. 1. 39.

<sup>b</sup> 'All-the-year-round owl'; see Arist. *HA* 617 b 31, and D. W. Thompson's note in his Eng. transl. The σκῶψ is a migrant.

<sup>6</sup> ἀναφέρει.



γνώσεως. καὶ ταῖς μὲν ἄλλαις ὥραις τοῦ ἔτους μὴ ἐσθίεσθαι αὐτοὺς, ἐν δὲ τῷ μετοπώρῳ δύο ἡμέραις ἢ μιᾷ τοὺς θηρωμένους, ἀλλὰ τοὺς γε ἐδωδύμους εἶναι. τῶν δὲ ἀεισκώπων διαφέρουσιν οἱ σκῶπες τῷ πάχει, παραπλήσιοι δὲ εἰσι τὴν ἰδέαν τρυγόνι τε καὶ φάττῃ.

29. Ἀλλὰ τό γε τῶν Πυγμαίων ἔθνος ἀκούω καὶ ἐκείνο καθ' ἑαυτὸ βασιλεύεσθαι, καὶ οὖν καὶ γενέσθαι παρ' αὐτοῖς ἐκλείποντος ἄρρενος βασιλέως βασιλίδα τινα καὶ κρατῆσαι τῶν Πυγμαίων, Γεράναν ὄνομα, ἣν περ οὖν ἐκθεοῦντες οἱ Πυγμαῖοι σεμνοτέrais ἢ κατ' ἀνθρώπον ἐτίμων τιμαῖς. ἐκ τούτων οὖν ἐκείνῃ φασι τὴν διάνοιαν ἐξηνεμῶθη, καὶ τὰς θεὰς παρ' οὐδὲν ἐτίθετο· μάλιστα δὲ τὴν Ἥραν καὶ τὴν Ἀθηνᾶν καὶ τὴν Ἀρτεμιν καὶ τὴν Ἀφροδίτην οὐδὲ ἕκταρ ἔλεγε βάλλειν πρὸς τὸ αὐτῆς κάλλος. οὐκ οὖν ἐμελλεν ἀμαρτήσεσθαι κακοῦ νοσοῦσα τοιαῦτα· κατὰ γὰρ τὸν τῆς Ἥρας χόλον ἐς ὄρνιν αἰσχίστην τὸ εἶδος τὸ ἐξ ἀρχῆς ἡμεῖς, καὶ ἐστὶν ἡ νῦν γέρανος, καὶ πολεμεῖ τοῖς Πυγμαίοις, ὅτι αὐτὴν ἐξέμηναν τῇ πέρα τιμῇ καὶ ἀπώλεσαν.

bird.<sup>a</sup> At all other seasons of the year the Little Horned Owl is not edible, but only when caught on one or two days in the late autumn, and then it is edible. These *Skôpes* differ from the *Aeiskôpes* in bulk, and bear some resemblance to a turtle-dove or a ring-dove.

29. As to the race of Pygmies I have heard that <sup>The</sup> they are governed in a manner peculiar to themselves, and that in fact owing to the failure of the male line a certain woman became queen and ruled over the Pygmies; her name was Gerana, and the <sup>Pygmies</sup> Pygmies worshipped her as a god, paying her honours too august for a human being. <sup>and their Queen</sup> The result was, they say, that she became so puffed up in her mind that she held the goddesses of no account. It was especially Hera, Athena, Artemis, and Aphrodite that, she said, came nowhere near her in beauty. But she was not destined to escape the evil consequences of her diseased imagination. For in consequence of the anger of Hera she changed her original form into that of a most hideous bird and became the crane of today and wages war on the Pygmies<sup>b</sup> because with their excessive honours they drove her to madness and to her destruction.

<sup>a</sup> The statement does not occur in any surviving work of Aristotle, nor is the form *κῶπες* found in our MSS. of Homer, though Eustathius (1523. 59, 1524. 6) says that at *Od.* 5. 66 τινὲς κῶπας γράφουσι δῖχα τοῦ σ. On this passage see Wellmann in *Hermes* 51. 2.

<sup>b</sup> Cp. Milton *PL* 1. 575 That small infantry | Warred on by cranes.

[illegible][illegible]

2. Задание 1. Прочитайте текст и выполните задания 1-4.

В начале 1990-х годов в России началась реформа высшего образования. Впервые в истории нашей страны были созданы университеты нового типа, которые должны были стать центрами научной и образовательной деятельности. Однако в процессе реформы возникло множество проблем, связанных с недостатком финансирования, снижением качества образования и т.д. В настоящее время ситуация в высшем образовании России остается сложной, и требуется дальнейшее совершенствование системы.

1. Какую задачу ставили перед собой реформаторы высшего образования в начале 1990-х годов?

2. Какие проблемы возникли в процессе реформы?

3. Какова ситуация в высшем образовании России в настоящее время?

4. Что требуется для дальнейшего совершенствования системы высшего образования?

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1. The first step in the process of the investigation is the identification of the problem. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study. The investigator must first identify the problem and then determine the scope of the study. The next step is to design the study. This involves determining the methods to be used and the data to be collected. The third step is to collect the data. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study. The fourth step is to analyze the data. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study. The fifth step is to interpret the results. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study. The sixth step is to write the report. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study. The seventh step is to present the results. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study. The eighth step is to discuss the results. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study. The ninth step is to conclude the study. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study. The tenth step is to publish the results. This is done by the investigator who is responsible for the study.

1. Ἄνῃρ πορφυρεὺς ὅταν θηράσῃ πορφύραν, οὐκ ἐς ἀνθρώπων τροφήν, ἀλλ' ἐς ἐρίων βαφήν, εἰ μέλλοι μένειν ἢ ἐκ τοῦ ζώου χροὰ δευσοποῖος καὶ δυσέκνιπτος καὶ οἷα τὴν βαφήν ἐργάσασθαι γνησίαν ἀλλ' οὐ δεδολωμένην, μᾶ λῖθον καταφορᾷ διαφθείρει τὴν πορφύραν αὐτοῖς ὀστράκοις. ἐὰν δὲ κουφοτέρα ἢ πληγὴ γένηται, καταλειφθῇ δὲ τὸ ζῶον ἔτι ἔμπνουν, ἀχρεῖός ἐστιν ἐς τὴν βαφήν ἢ δεύτερον βληθεῖσα τῷ λίθῳ πορφύρα· ὑπὸ γὰρ τῆς ὀδύνης ἐξανάλωσε τὴν βαφήν ἀναποθείσαν ἐς τὸν τῆς σαρκὸς ὄγκον ἢ ἄλλως ἐκρυεῖσαν. τοῦτό τοι καὶ Ὀμηρος οἰδέε φασι, καὶ τοὺς ἀποθνήσκοντας ἀθρώως<sup>1</sup> τῷ τῆς πορφύρας θανάτῳ καταλαμβάνεσθαι φησι, τὸ ἄδόμενον ἐν τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μέτροις ἀναμέλπων ἐκεῖνος

ἔλλαβε πορφύρεος θάνατος καὶ μοῖρα κραταιή.

2. Ἐν Ἰνδοῖς μαθάνω σιττακοὺς ὄρνεις<sup>2</sup> γίνεσθαι, ὧν περ. οὖν καὶ ἀνωτέρω μνήμην ἔποιησάμην· ἃ δὲ πρότερον ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν οὐκ εἶπον, ταῦτά μοι λεχθῆναι νῦν δοκεῖ πρεπωδέστατα. γένη τρία αὐτῶν ἀκούω· οἱ πάντες δὲ οὗτοι μαθόντες ὡς παῖδες, οὕτως καὶ αὐτοὶ γίνονται λάλοι καὶ φθέγγονται φθέγμα ἀνθρωπικόν. ἐν δὲ

<sup>1</sup> ἀθρώως μᾶ πληγῇ.

<sup>2</sup> ὄρνις.

1. When a fisherman after Purple Shellfish <sup>The Purple Shellfish</sup> catches one, not for human consumption but for dyeing wool, if the colour from it is to remain fast, indelible, and capable of producing the genuine tint unadulterated, then he smashes it, shell and all, with one blow of a stone. But if the blow is too light and the creature is left still alive, a second blow with the stone renders it useless for dyeing purposes. For the pain causes the fish to spend the dye which is absorbed into the mass of flesh or escapes in some other way. And this, they say, was known to Homer who says of those who die all at once that they are overtaken by the death of the Purple Shellfish: in his poem he sings in the well-known passage how

'Empurpled' a death and violent fate laid hold on him' [Il. 5. 83].

2. I learn that in India there are Parrots, and I <sup>Birds of India</sup> have also mentioned them earlier on,<sup>b</sup> but this seems a most fitting place to relate what I did not relate on the former occasion. I am told that there are three kinds, and all learn like children and become talkative in the same way and speak like human beings. In the forests however they utter the notes

<sup>a</sup> So Ael. understood πορφύρεος; the proper meaning is 'onrushing.'

<sup>b</sup> See 13. 18.

ταῖς ὕλαις ὀρνίθων μὲν ἀφιάσιν ἤχον, φωνὴν δὲ εὖσημόν τε καὶ εὖστομον οὐ προῖενται, ἀλλ' εἰσὶν ἀμαθεῖς καὶ οὐπω λάλοι. γίνονται δὲ καὶ ταῶς ἐν Ἰνδοῖς τῶν πανταχόθεν μέγιστοι, καὶ πελειάδες χλωρόπτιλοι· φαίη τις ἂν πρῶτον θεασάμενος καὶ οὐκ ἔχων ἐπιστήμην ὀρνιθογνώμονα, σιττακὸν εἶναι καὶ οὐ πελειάδα. χεῖλη δὲ ἔχουσι καὶ σκέλη τοῖς ἐν Ἑλλήσιν· πέριδιξι τὴν χροάν προσεοικότα, ἀλεκτρύονες δὲ γίνονται μεγέθει μέγιστοι, καὶ ἔχουσι λόφον οὐκ ἐρυθρὸν κατὰ γε τοὺς ἡμέδαπούς, ἀλλὰ ποικίλον κατὰ τοὺς ἀνθινούς στεφάνους. τὰ δὲ πτερὰ τὰ πυγαῖα ἔχουσιν οὐ κυρτὰ οὐδὲ ἐς ἑλικά ἐπικαμφθέντα ἀλλὰ πλατέα, καὶ ἐπισύρουσιν αὐτά, ὥσπερ οὖν καὶ οἱ ταῶς, ὅταν μὴ ὀρθώσωσί τε καὶ ἀναστήσωσιν αὐτά· χροάν δὲ ἔχει τὰ πτερὰ τῶν Ἰνδῶν ἀλεκτρύονων χρυσοπὸν τε καὶ κυανανγῇ κατὰ τὴν σμάραγδον λίθον.

3. Γίνεται δὲ ἐν Ἰνδοῖς καὶ ἄλλο ὄρνεον, καὶ ἔχει τὸ μέγεθος κατὰ τοὺς ψάρας, καὶ ἔστι ποικίλον, καὶ μουσῶθεν ἀνθρώπου φωνὴν εἶτα μέντοι τῶν σιττακῶν ἔστι λαλίστερόν τε καὶ θυμοσοφώτερον. οὐ μὴν τὴν ἐξ ἀνθρώπων τροφήν ἡδέως ὑπομένει,<sup>1</sup> ἀλλὰ ἐλευθερίας πόθῳ καὶ παρρησίας τῆς κατὰ τὴν συντροφίαν ἐπιθυμίας ἀσπάζεται λιμὸν μᾶλλον ἢ δουλείαν μετὰ τρυφῆς. καλοῦσι δὲ αὐτὸ οἱ Μακεδόνων Ἰνδοῖς ἐποικήσαντες ἐν τε Βουκεφάλοις πόλει καὶ τῇ περὶ ταύτην καὶ τῇ καλουμένῃ Κύρου πόλει<sup>2</sup> καὶ ταῖς ἄλλαις, ἃς

of birds, and do not produce intelligible and distinct speech, but are unlearned and cannot talk as yet. There are also Peacocks in India, larger than anywhere else, and Doves with green plumage;<sup>a</sup> anyone seeing them for the first time and not possessing a knowledge of birds would say that they were parrots not doves. But they have beaks and legs the same colour as those of partridges in Greece. And the Cocks there are of immense size, and their combs are not scarlet like those of our country, but of variegated hue like flower-garlands. And their tail-feathers are not arched or curved in a circle but flat, and they trail them, just as peacocks do when not raising them aloft. And the wings of Indian Cocks are golden with the dark gleam of an emerald.

3. There is also in India another bird, the size of a The Mynah starling, and it is of varied colouring and if taught to utter human speech is more talkative and by nature more intelligent than the parrot. Yet it does not willingly endure to be kept by man, but in its yearning for liberty and its desire for its natural freedom it welcomes starvation in preference to captivity with its luxuries. And the Macedonians who settled in India in the cities founded by Alexander, the son of Philip, in Bucephala<sup>b</sup> and the surrounding country,

<sup>a</sup> 'An Indian Green Fruit-pigeon, such as *Crocopus chlorogaster*' (Thompson, *Gk. birds*, s.v. Πελεῖας).

<sup>b</sup> Founded by Alexander 326 B.C. on the river Jhelum (Hydaspes) after his victory over Porus and named after his horse Bucephalus.

<sup>1</sup> *Ges*: ὑπομένοι.

<sup>2</sup> Κυροπόλει.

ἀνέστησεν Ἀλέξανδρος ὁ Φιλίππου, κερκίωνα· ἔσχε δὲ ἄρα τὸ ὄνομα τήνδε τὴν γένεσιν, ἐπειδὴ καὶ αὐτὸ διασείει τὸν ὄρρον, ὥσπερ οὖν καὶ οἱ κίγκλοι.

4. Γίνεσθαι δὲ ἐν Ἰνδοῖς καὶ κήλαν ἀκούω ὄρνιν· καὶ τὸ μέγεθος τριπλασίον<sup>1</sup> ὠτίδος ἐστὶ, καὶ τὸ στόμα ἔχει γενναῖον δεινῶς καὶ μακρὰ τὰ σκέλη· φέρει δὲ καὶ πρηγορεῶνα καὶ ἐκείνον μέγιστον προσεμφερῆ κωρύκῳ, φθέγμα δὲ ἔχει καὶ μάλα ἀπηχῆς. καὶ τὴν μὲν ἄλλην πτίλωσιν ἐστὶ τεφρὸς, τὰς δὲ πτέρυγας ἀκρας ὡχρὸς ἐστίν.

5. Ἀκούω δὲ ἔγωγε καὶ Ἰνδὸν ἔποπα διπλασίονα τοῦ παρ' ἡμῖν καὶ ὠραιότερον ἰδεῖν. καὶ Ὅμηρος μὲν λέγει βασιλεῖ κεῖσθαι ἄγαλμα Ἑλληνι χαλινὸν καὶ κόσμον ἵππου, ὃ δὲ ἐποῖσ' οὗτος Ἰνδῶν βασιλεῖ ἄθρμα ἐστὶ, καὶ διὰ χειρῶν αὐτὸν φέρει, καὶ ἡδεταὶ αὐτῷ, καὶ συνεχῆς ἐνορᾷ τὴν ἀγλαίαν τεθηπῶς τοῦ ὄρνιθος καὶ τὸ κάλλος τὸ αὐτοφυές. ἐπάδουσι δὲ ἄρα τῷδε τῷ ὄρνέῳ καὶ μῦθον Βραχμᾶνες, καὶ ὃ γε μῦθος ὁ ἀδόξμος οὗτός ἐστιν. παῖς ἐγένετο Ἰνδῶν βασιλεῖ, καὶ ἀδελφοὺς εἶχεν, οἵπερ οὖν ἀνδρωθέντες ἐκδικώτατοι τε γίνονται καὶ λεωργότατοι. καὶ τούτου μὲν ὡς νεωτάτου καταφρονοῦσι, τὸν δὲ πατέρα ἔκертόμου καὶ τὴν μητέρα, τὸ γῆρας αὐτῶν ἐκφαιλίσαντες. ἀναινοῦνται οὖν ἐκείνοι τὴν σὺν τούτοις διατριβήν, καὶ ὥχοντο φεύγοντες ὃ τε παῖς καὶ οἱ γέροντες. συντόνον δὲ ἄρα αὐτοὺς πορείας διαδε-

<sup>1</sup> τριπλάσιον.

in Cyropolis<sup>a</sup> and the rest, call the bird *Cercion* (mynah). The name has its origin in the fact that it too wags its rump (*cercos*) as the wagtail does.

4. I have heard that there is also in India a bird called the 'Adjutant.' It is three times the size of a bustard, and has a mouth of astonishing size and long legs. It also has an enormous crop resembling a wallet and an extremely harsh cry. While the rest of its plumage is of an ashen colour, the wing-tips are pale.

The Adjutant stork

5. I have heard also that the Indian Hoopoe is twice as big as the bird of our country and more beautiful in appearance. And as Homer says [Il. 4. 144] that the bit and trappings of a horse are laid up to be a Greek king's glory, so the Hoopoe is the joy of the Indian King: he carries it on his hand and delights in it, gazing continually in wonder at its splendour and its natural beauty.

The Hoopoe of India

Now the Brahmins also relate a legend regarding this bird, and the legend they relate is as follows. A son was born to an Indian king and he had brothers who, when they were grown to manhood, became extremely lawless and violent. And they looked down upon their brother, as being the youngest, jeered at their father and mother, and showed no respect for their old age. Accordingly the parents refused to live with them and departed into exile, the aged couple with their young son. There ensued a laborious journey for them; the parents' strength

A Brahmani myth

<sup>a</sup> Cyropolis, more commonly known as Cyreschata, was in Sogdiana. It was stormed and destroyed by Alexander in 329 B.C. The name is probably the Graecised form of some Oriental name.

ξαμένης, οἱ μὲν ἀπείπον καὶ ἀποθνήσκουσιν, ὁ δὲ παῖς οὐκ ὀλιγώρησεν αὐτῶν, ἀλλ' ἔθαψεν αὐτοὺς ἐν ἑαυτῷ, ξίφει τὴν κεφαλὴν διατεμών. ἀγασθέντα δὲ τὸν πάντ' ἐφορῶντα "Ἠλιον οἱ αὐτοὶ φασὶ τῆς εὐσεβείας τὴν ὑπερβολὴν, ὄρνιν αὐτὸν ἀποφῆναι, κάλλιστον μὲν ὄψει, μακράϊωνα δὲ τὸν βίον· ὑπανεστῆκε δὲ οἱ καὶ λόφος ἐκ τῆς κορυφῆς, οἷον εἰ μνημεῖον τοῦτο τῶν πεπραγμένων ὅτε ἔφενγεν. τοιαῦτα ἅττα καὶ Ἀθηναῖοι ὑπὲρ τοῦ κορυδίου τερατευόμενοι προσεῖχον μῦθον τινί, ᾧ περ οὖν ἀκολουθήσαι μοι δοκεῖ καὶ Ἀριστοφάνης ὁ τῆς κωμωδίας ποιητῆς ἐν Ὀρνισι λέγων

ἀμαθὴς γὰρ ἔφυς κοῦ πολυπράγμων, οὐδ' Αἴσωπον πεπάτηκας,  
ὃς ἔφασκε λέγων κορυδὸν πάντων πρώτην ὄρνιθα γενέσθαι,  
προτέραν τῆς γῆς, κἀπειτα νόσῳ τὸν πατέρ' αὐτῆς ἀποθνήσκειν·  
γῆν δ' οὐκ εἶναι, τὸν δὲ προκεῖσθαι πεμπταῖον.  
τὴν δ' ἀποροῦσαν  
ὑπ' ἀμηχανίας τὸν πατέρ' αὐτῆς ἐν τῇ κεφαλῇ κατορύξαι.

ἔοικεν οὖν ἐξ Ἰνδῶν τὸ μυθολόγημα ἐπ' ἄλλου μὲν ὄρνιθος, ἐπιρρεῦσαι δ' οὖν καὶ τοῖς Ἑλλήσιν. ὠγύγιον γάρ τι μῆκος χρόνου λέγουσι Βραχμᾶνες, ἐξ οὗ ταῦτα τῷ ἔποπι τῷ Ἰνδῷ ἔτι ἀνθρώπῳ ὄντι καὶ παιδὶ τὴν γε ἡλικίαν ἐς τοὺς γεναμένους πεπρακται.

6. Ἐν Ἰνδοῖς γίνεται ζῷον κροκοδείλῳ χερσαίῳ παραπλήσιον ἰδεῖν· μέγεθος δὲ αὐτῷ κυνιδίου

failed, and they died. The son however did not neglect them but split his head with a sword and buried them in himself. The Brahmins assert that the all-seeing Sun was so filled with admiration for this surpassing act of piety that he transformed the boy into a bird most beautiful to behold and endowed with length of days. And from his crown there sprang up a crest, as it were in commemoration of the events of his exile. The Athenians too tell some such wondrous tale in a myth regarding the Lark, which Aristophanes, the writer of comedies, appears to me to have followed in his *Birds* [471-5] when he says

'No, for you were unlearned and no busybody and had not thumbd your Aesop, who used to say that the Lark was the first of all birds to be born, before the earth, and that then its father fell sick and died. But there was no earth, and the corpse was laid out for five days, and the Lark in straits and at its wits' end buried its father in its own head.'

So it seems that this fable from India, about a different bird indeed, yet spread to the Greeks as well. For the Brahmins maintain that it is long ages since the Indian Hoopoe, while still a human being and a child in years, did this to its parents.

6. In India there is an animal somewhat like the land-crocodile<sup>a</sup> in appearance. It is the size of a

The Pangolin

<sup>a</sup> See 1. 58, note a.

Μελιταίου εἴη ἄν. περίκειται δὲ ἄρα φολίδα τραχείαν<sup>1</sup> οὕτω καὶ πυκνὴν, ὥστε ὅταν δαρῇ ῥίνης αὐτοῖς ἔργα παρέρχει. διατέμνει δὲ καὶ χαλκόν, καὶ τὸν σίδηρον διεσθίει· καλοῦσι δὲ φαττάγην αὐτό.

7. Συροπέρδιξ γίνεται περὶ τὴν Ἀντιόχειαν τὴν Πισιδίαν, καὶ σιτέται καὶ λίθους· μικρότερος δὲ ἐστὶ τοῦ πέρδικος καὶ μέλας<sup>2</sup> τὴν χροάν, πυρρὸς <δὲ><sup>3</sup> τὸ ῥάμφος· οὐχ ἡμεροῦται δὲ κατὰ τὸν ἄλλον, οὐδὲ γίνεται τιθασός, ἀλλ' ἄγριος ἐς τὸ αἰεὶ διαμένει. ἐστὶ δὲ οὐ μέγας, βρωθήναι τε ἡδίων τοῦ ἑτέρου, καὶ τὴν σάρκα πῶς δοκεῖ πυκνότερος.

8. Ἡ δὲ Ἰνδῶν θάλαττα ὕδρους θαλαττίους τίκτει πλατεῖς τὰ οὐράς· τίκτουσι δὲ καὶ λίμναι μεγίστους ὕδρους. οἱ δὲ θαλάττιοι ὄφεις οἷδε κάρχαρον εἰκάσι μᾶλλον ἔχειν τὸ δῆγμα ἥπερ οὖν ἰώδες.

9. Ἐν Ἰνδοῖς ἵππων τε ἀγρίων καὶ ὄνων τοιούτων εἰσὶν ἀγέλαι· οὐκοῦν ἀναβαινόντων <τῶν><sup>4</sup> ὄνων τὰς ἵππους, ὑπομένειν ἐκεῖνας λέγουσι, καὶ ἡδεσθαι τῇ μίξει, καὶ τίκτειν ἡμιόνους πυρρῶς<sup>5</sup> τὴν χροάν καὶ ἄγαν δρομικούς, δυσλόφους δὲ καὶ δυσγαργάλευς<sup>6</sup> ἄλλως· ποδάγρας δὲ τούτους αἰροῦσιν, εἰτα ἀνάγεσθαι τῷ τῶν Πρασιῶν βασιλεῖ φασι· καὶ διετείς μὲν ἑαλωκότας μὴ ἀναίνεσθαι

<sup>1</sup> φολίδα τραχείαν ἄρα.

<sup>2</sup> μέλας Thompson.

Melitean<sup>a</sup> lapdog. The scales that cover it are so rough and of such close texture, that when flayed they perform the functions of a file. They will even cut through bronze and eat their way through iron. They call the creature *Phattagē* (pangolin).

7. The Sand-partridge occurs in the neighbourhood of Antioch in Pisidia and feeds on stones. It is smaller than the partridge and black in colour, but its beak is red. It is not to be domesticated like the partridge, nor does it grow tame, but continues wild all the time. It is not large, but is pleasanter to eat than the other, and its flesh seems somewhat firmer.

The Sand-partridge

8. The Indian Ocean produces Sea-snakes with broad tails; the lakes also produce Water-snakes of immense size. But apparently these snakes in the Ocean bite with teeth that are saw-like rather than poisonous.

Water-snakes of India

9. In India there are herds of wild horses and wild asses. Now they say that when the asses mount the mares, the latter remain passive and take pleasure in the act and produce Mules of a red colour and extremely swift of foot, but that these Mules are impatient of the yoke and generally skittish. The people are said to catch them with foot-traps and then to take them to the King of the Prasii. If they are caught as two-year-olds they do not refuse to be

The Indian Mule

<sup>a</sup> Melita, island off the coast of Dalmatia.

<sup>3</sup> <δὲ> add. H.

<sup>5</sup> πυρρῶς.

<sup>4</sup> <τῶν> add. Jac.

<sup>6</sup> Τουρ: γαργαλεῖς.

τὴν πώλευσιν, πρεσβυτέρους δὲ μὴ διαφέρειν τῶν  
καρχάρων θηρίων καὶ σαρκοφάγων μηδὲ ἓν.

10. Ἐν Πρασίοις δὲ τοῖς Ἰνδικοῖς εἶναι γένος  
πυθήκων φασὶν ἀνθρωπίνου, ἰδεῖν<sup>1</sup> δὲ εἰσι κατὰ  
τοὺς Ὑρκανοὺς κύνας τὸ μέγεθος, προκομία τε  
αὐτῶν ὁράται συμφυῆς· εἰποὶ δ' ἂν ὁ μὴ τὸ  
ἀληθὲς εἰδὼς ἀσκητὰς εἶναι αὐτάς. γένειον δὲ  
αὐτοῖς ὑποπέφυκε σατυρῶδες, ἡ δὲ οὐρὰ κατὰ τὴν  
τῶν λεόντων ἀλκαίαν ἐστί. καὶ τὸ μὲν ἄλλο πᾶν  
σῶμα πεφύκασι λευκοί, τὴν δὲ κεφαλὴν καὶ τὴν  
οὐρὰν ἄκραν εἰσὶ πυρροί.<sup>2</sup> σῶφρονες δὲ καὶ φύσει  
τιθασοί· εἰσὶ δὲ ὑλαῖοι τὴν διαίταν,<sup>3</sup> καὶ σιτοῦνται  
τῶν ὠραίων<sup>4</sup> τὰ ἄγρια. φοιτῶσι δὲ ἀθρόοι ἐς τὰ  
τῆς Λατάγης προάστειά (πόλις δὲ ἐστὶν Ἰνδῶν ἡ  
Λατάγη), καὶ τὴν πρότεθειμένην αὐτοῖς ἐκ βασιλέως  
ἐφθὴν ὄρουζαν σιτοῦνται· ἀνὰ πᾶσαν δὲ ἡμέραν  
ἤδε ἡ δαῖς αὐτοῖς εὐτρεπὴς πρόκειται. ἐμφορηθέν-  
τας δὲ ἄρα αὐτοὺς ἀναχωρεῖν αὐθις ἐς <τὰ><sup>5</sup> ἤθη  
τὰ ὑλαῖά φασι σὺν κόσμῳ, καὶ σίνεσθαι τῶν ἐν  
ποσὶν οὐδὲ ἓν.

11. Ποηφάγον ἐν Ἰνδοῖς ζῷον ἐστί, καὶ πέφυκέ  
γε διπλάσιον ἵππου τὸ μέγεθος. οὐρὰν δὲ ἔχει  
δασυτάτην καὶ μελαίνης ἀκράτως χροῶς, καὶ εἰεν.<sup>6</sup>  
αὐτὰ αἱ τρίχες καὶ τῶν ἀνθρωπείων λεπτότεραι  
ἂν, καὶ ἐν μεγάλῳ τίθενται ταύτας ἔχειν Ἰνδῶν  
αἱ γυναῖκες· καὶ γὰρ τοὶ παραπλέκονται ἐξ αὐτῶν  
καὶ κοσμοῦνται μάλα ὠραίως, ταῖς πλοκαμίσι ταῖς

<sup>1</sup> καὶ ἰδεῖν.

<sup>2</sup> Schn.: διαίταν καὶ τὸ γένος.

<sup>3</sup> <τὰ> add. H.

<sup>4</sup> πυρροί.

<sup>5</sup> Bernard: ὁρέων.

<sup>6</sup> Jac.: εἰσιν.

broken in, but when older they are just as savage  
as fanged and carnivorous beasts.

10. They say that among the Prasii in India there Monkeys of Prasiaea  
is a race of Monkeys with human intelligence;<sup>a</sup> in  
appearance they are as large as Hyrcanian hounds,  
and they are seen to possess a natural forelock;  
anyone who did not know the facts would say that  
these forelocks were artificial. The beard that  
grows beneath their chin is like that of a satyr,  
while the tail is as long as a lion's. The whole of  
their body is white except for the head and the tip  
of the tail, which are red. They are sober and  
naturally tame. They live in the forests and feed  
on wild produce. They visit the suburbs of Latage  
(this is a city in India) in great numbers and feed  
on the boiled rice which the king has served out to  
them, and this meal is prepared and laid out for  
them every day. And when they have eaten their  
fill, it is said that they withdraw again to their  
haunts in the forest in an orderly fashion without  
damaging anything that they come across.

11. In India there is a herbivorous animal<sup>b</sup> and The Yak  
it is twice the size of a horse. It has a very bushy  
tail, pitch-black in colour; the hairs of it are finer  
than those of man, and Indian women set great  
store by obtaining them, and in fact they braid  
them in and adorn themselves most beautifully,

<sup>a</sup> Keller (*Ant. Tierw.* I. 9) identifies this monkey with the  
'Hunuman,' *Semnopithecus entellus*.

<sup>b</sup> The Yak, *Bos poëphagus grunniens*, is to be found on the  
Rupshu plateau in the SE corner of Kashmir and in Sikkim;  
elsewhere only in Tibet.



συμφύτοις καὶ ταύτας ὑποδέουσαι. προήκει δὲ καὶ ἐς δύο πήχεις ἐκάστης τὸ μήκος τριχός, ἐκ μῆας δὲ ρίζης ὁμοῦ τι καὶ τριάκοντα θυσανηδὸν ἐκπεφύκασι. ζῶων δὲ ἄρα ἀπάντων τοῦτο δειλότατον ἦν. ἐὰν γὰρ ὑπὸ τινος ὀφθῇ καὶ αἰσθηταὶ βλεπόμενοι, ἢ ποδῶν ἔχει φεύγει,<sup>1</sup> καὶ κέχρηται προθυμῖα μᾶλλον ἢ σκελῶν ὠκύτητι. καὶ διώκεται μὲν ὑπὸ ἱππέων καὶ κυνῶν ἀγαθῶν δραμεῖν. ἐὰν μέντοι συνίδῃ ὅτι ἄρα ἀλίσκεσθαι μέλλει, τὴν οὐρὰν ἀπέκρυψε ἐν τινι δάσει, αὐτὸ δὲ ἀντιπρόσωπον ἔστηκε, καὶ δοκεῖ τοὺς θηρατάς, καὶ ὑποθαρρεῖ πως, καὶ οἶται μηκέτι φανεῖσθαι περισπούδαστον, τῆς οὐρᾶς μὴ βλεπομένης. ἐκεῖνη γὰρ οἶδεν <οἷ><sup>2</sup> εἶναι τὸ κάλλος. κενὴν δὲ ἄρα ἴσχει τὴν ὑπὲρ τοῦδε φαντασίαν. βάλλει γὰρ τις αὐτὸ βέλει πεφαρμαγμένῳ, καὶ ἀποκτείνας ἀποκόψει τὴν οὐρὰν, τὸ ἄθλον τῆς ἄγρας. καὶ δείρας τὸ πᾶν σῶμα (ἀγαθὸν γὰρ καὶ ἡ δορά) ἀφήκε τὸν νεκρόν. σαρκῶν γὰρ τῶν ἐκείνου δέονται Ἴνδοι οὐδὲ ἐν.

12. Κήτη δὲ ἦν ἄρα ἐν τῇ τῶν Ἰνδῶν θαλάττῃ πενταπλασίονα <τὸ><sup>3</sup> μέγεθος ἐλέφαντος τοῦ μεγίστου. πλευρὰ γοῦν μία κήτους καὶ ἐς τοὺς ἑκοσι πήχεις πρόεισι, χελύνῃ δὲ πήχεων πεντεκαίδεκα ἔχει, τὸ δὲ πτέρωμα βραγχίου ἐκατέρου πήχεων τὸ εὖρος καὶ ἑπτὰ. κήρυκες δὲ καὶ πορφύραι . . .<sup>4</sup> ὡς καὶ χοῦν ῥᾶστα δέξασθαι. καὶ μέντοι καὶ τῶν ἔχινων τὰ χελώνια δύναται ἂν τοσοῦτον στέγειν. μεγέθη δ' ἰχθύων ἅπειρα, λαβράκων μάλιστα, καὶ ἀμῖαι καὶ χρυσόφρυνες.

<sup>1</sup> φεύγει καὶ πρόεισι.

plaiting them in with their own hair. Each hair attains a length of two cubits, and there spring perhaps as many as thirty from one root, like a tassel. Now this is of all animals the most timid, for if it is seen by somebody and realises that it is being looked at, it flees as fast as it can, the pace of its legs only exceeded by its eagerness to escape. It is hunted by horsemen with swift-footed hounds. But if it realises that it is going to be caught, it hides its tail in some thicket, faces about, and stands waiting for its pursuers and plucks up its courage, fancying that, since its tail is not visible, it will no longer seem worth pursuing. For it knows that its beauty resides in its tail. And yet on this point its fancies are idle, for a man shoots it with a poisoned arrow and having killed it will cut off its tail, the reward of the chase. And after flaying the body (for the hide also is serviceable) he leaves the dead carcase, because the Indians have no use for the flesh of these animals.

12. It seems that in the Indian Ocean there are sea-monsters five times the size of the largest elephant. At any rate a single rib of a Sea-monster measures as much as twenty cubits; it has a jaw of fifteen cubits; the fin beside each of the gills is seven cubits in width. The Trumpet-shells and Purple-shellfish of the Indian Ocean <are large enough> to contain easily six pints; further, the shells of Sea-urchins have the same capacity. As for Fishes, they are gigantic, especially the Basse, the Pelamyd,

Fishes of India

<sup>2</sup> <οἷ> add. Jac.

<sup>3</sup> <τό> add. H.

<sup>4</sup> Lacuna: <τοσοῦτοι> ex. gr. H.

ἀκούω δὲ τούτους κατὰ τὴν ὥραν, ὅταν ἐπιρρέωσιν οἱ ποταμοὶ λάβροι<sup>1</sup> κατιόντες ἐκ τῆς πλημμύρας καὶ ἐς τὴν γῆν ἀναχέονται, καὶ αὐτοὺς ὑπερχεῖσθαι κατὰ τὰς ἀρούρας καὶ ἐν ὕδατι λεπτῶ φέρεσθαι τε καὶ ἀλᾶσθαι. πανσαμένων δὲ τῶν ὑπερπιμπλάντων τοὺς ποταμοὺς ὑετῶν καὶ ἀναχωρούντων ὀπίσω τῶν ρευμάτων καὶ ἐς τὰς ὁδοὺς τὰς κατὰ φύσιν ὑποστρεφόντων, ἐν τοῖς καθημένοις χωρίοις καὶ τοῖς τεναγώδεσι καὶ ἀπέδοις, ἐνθα δὴπου φιλοῦσι καὶ αἱ νεαὶ<sup>2</sup> καλούμεναι κόλπους τινὰς ἔχειν, ἰχθύς ὑπομένουσι<sup>3</sup> καὶ ὀκτῶ πήχεων. καὶ αἰρούσιν οἱ γεωργοῦντες αὐτοὺς ἀσθενεῖ τῇ νήξει χρωμένους, ἅτε μὴ ἐν βυθῶ φερομένους ἀλλὰ ἐπιπολῆς, καὶ ἐκ τοῦ ὀλίγου ὕδατος ἀγαπητῶς καὶ μόλις ἀποζώντας.

13. Ἰνδῶν δὲ ἰχθύων ἴδια καὶ ἐκείνα. βατίδες γίνονται παρ' αὐτοῖς οὐδέν τι μείους Ἀργολικῆς ἀσπίδος ἐκάστη, καρίδες δὲ<sup>4</sup> καὶ μείζους καράβων αἱ Ἰνδῶν εἰσίν. αἱ μὲν οὖν ἐκ τῆς θαλάττης ἀναθέουσαι διὰ τοῦ ποταμοῦ τοῦ Γάγγου χηλὰς μεγίστας ἔχουσι καὶ τραχείας θυγεῖν,<sup>5</sup> τὰς γε μὴν ἐκ τῆς Ἐρυθρᾶς ἐκπιπτούσας ἐς τὸν Ἰνδὸν λείας ἔχειν πέπυσμαι τὰς ἀκάνθας, προμήκεις γε μὴν καὶ βοστρυχώδεις τὰς ἀπηρτημένας ἑλικας. χηλὰς δὲ οὐκ ἔχειν ταύτας.

14. Χελώνη δὲ ἐν Ἰνδοῖς ποταμίᾳ<sup>6</sup> τὸ χελώνιον<sup>7</sup> ἔχει σκάφης οὐ μείον τελείας. χωρεῖ γοῦν

<sup>1</sup> καὶ λάβροι.

<sup>3</sup> Schn: ἀπονέμουσι.

<sup>5</sup> θυγεῖν αὐτῶν.

<sup>2</sup> Schn: αἱ ἐνέαι.

<sup>4</sup> τε.

<sup>6</sup> ποταμίᾳ μεγίστη τε αὕτη καὶ.

and the Gilthead. And I have heard that at the season when the rivers descend in violence owing to floods and spill themselves upon the land, the Fish also are emptied over the fields and are borne hither and thither in shallow water. But when the rains which have over-filled the rivers cease, and the streams withdraw again and return to their natural courses, then Fishes of as much as eight cubits long remain in low-lying, marshy, level spots, where what is known as 'fallow land' commonly has depressions. And the cultivators catch the Fish which can only swim feebly, since they are not moving in deep water but on the surface, glad to snatch a bare existence from the shallow water.

13. Indian fish have the following peculiarities. The Skate there is as large as an Argolic shield;<sup>a</sup> the Prawns<sup>b</sup> of India are even larger than crayfish. Now these Prawns ascend the river Ganges from the sea and have claws of immense size and rough to the touch, whereas I learn that those that quit the Red Sea for the Indus have smooth spines, and the feelers attached to them are long and curly, but they have no claws.

14. The river-Turtle of India<sup>c</sup> has a shell as large as a full-sized skiff. At any rate each one has a

<sup>a</sup> The Argolic shield was circular and about 3 ft. across.

<sup>b</sup> The *Palaemon carcinus* of the E. Indies attains the size of a lobster.

<sup>c</sup> The Turtles described here, in ch. 17, and in 17. 3, cannot be certainly identified.

<sup>7</sup> χελώνειον.

ἑκαστον μεδίμνους δέκα ὀσπρίων· γίνονται δὲ καὶ χερσαῖαι χελῶναι, καὶ εἰεν ἂν τὸ μέγεθος κατὰ τὰς βώλους τὰς μεγίστας, αἵπερ οὖν ἐπανίστανται ἐν τοῖς βαθέσιν ἀρώμασιν, εὐπειθοῦς μὲν οὔσης τῆς γῆς, ἐς πολὺ δὲ κατιόντος τοῦ ἀρότρου καὶ τὴν αὐλακα σχίζοντος ῥᾶστα καὶ ἐγείροντος τὰς βώλους ὑψοῦ. ταύτας δὲ καὶ ἀποδύεσθαι τὸ ἔλντρον φασιν. οἱ τοίνυν ἀρόται καὶ πᾶν τὸ περὶ τοὺς ἀγροὺς ἐργατικὸν ταῖς μακέλλαις ἀνασπῶσιν αὐτάς, καὶ ἐξαίρουσιν <sup>1</sup> ὥσπερ οὖν ἐκ τῶν θριπηδέστων φυτῶν τὰς εὐλάς. εἰαὶ δὲ γλυκεῖαι τὴν σάρκα καὶ πiones, οὐ μὴν κατὰ τὰς θαλαττίας πικραὶ καὶ αὔται.

15. Θυμόσοφα δὲ καὶ παρ' ἡμῶν ζῷα ἔστιν, οὐ μὴν ὅσα ἐν Ἰνδοῖς <sup>2</sup> ἀλλὰ ὀλίγα. ἐκεῖ δὲ ὁ τε ἐλέφας τοιοῦτός ἐστι καὶ ὁ συττακὸς καὶ αἱ σφίγγες καὶ οἱ καλούμενοι σάτυροι· σοφὸν δὲ ἄρα ἦν καὶ ὁ μύρμηξ ὁ Ἰνδός. οἱ μὲν οὖν ἡμεδαποὶ τὰς ἑαυτῶν χειρᾶς καὶ ὑποδρομὰς ὑπὸ τὴν γῆν ὀρύττουσι, καὶ φωλεοὺς τινὰς κρυπτοὺς ἀποφαινουσι γεωρυχοῦντες, καὶ μεταλλείαις ὡς εἰπεῖν τισιν ἀπορρήτοις καὶ λανθανούσαις καταξαίνονται· ἀλλὰ οἱ γε Ἰνδοὶ μύρμηκες οἰκίσκους τινὰς συμφορητοὺς ἐργάζονται, καὶ τούτους γε οὐκ ἐν χωρίοις ὑπτίοις καὶ λείοις καὶ ἐπικλυζομένοις ῥᾶστα, ἀλλὰ μετεώροις καὶ ὑψηλοῖς. ἐν αὐτοῖς δὲ περιόδους τινὰς, καὶ ὡς εἰπεῖν σύριγγας, Αἰγυπτίας <sup>3</sup> ἢ λαβυρίνθους Κρητικὰς σοφία τιμὴ ἀπορρήτω διατρήσαντες οἰκεῖαι ἑαυτοῖς ἀπέφηναι, οὐκ εὐθυτενῇ καὶ ῥάδια παρελθεῖν <sup>4</sup> ἀλλ' ἐλιγμοῖς καὶ

<sup>1</sup> ἐξαιροῦσιν.

<sup>2</sup> Jac: Ἰνδοῖς ἔστιν.

<sup>3</sup> Gron: Αἰγυπτίους.

<sup>4</sup> παρελθεῖν ἢ εισρεῦσαι τι.

capacity of ten *medimni*<sup>a</sup> of pulse. There are also land-Tortoises, and these may be the size of the largest clods of earth which are turned up in deep ploughing, provided the soil is yielding and the plough goes deep and cuts a furrow without difficulty and brings up the clods. And they say that these Tortoises shed their covering. Now the ploughmen and all who work in the fields dig them out with mattocks and extract them as we extract caterpillars from plants which are worm-eaten. The flesh of Tortoises is sweet and they are fat and by no means bitter like the Turtles.

15. In our country also there are intelligent animals, but they are few and not so numerous as in India. In that land, for example, are the Elephant, the Parrot, the Sphinx-ape, and the Satyrs,<sup>b</sup> as they are called. The Indian Ant<sup>c</sup> too, it seems, is a clever creature. True, the Ants of our country excavate their holes and burrow below ground and construct hidden lairs, as it were, by digging in the earth, and wear themselves out with their mysterious and secret mining operations, so to speak. But the Ants of India construct little houses of material brought together, and these are not in low-lying, level country, which is easily flooded, but high up on rising ground. And there with indescribable skill they bore passages and what you might call Egyptian galleries or Cretan labyrinths and make a place for themselves, not straight-ahead or easy to penetrate but out of the way past a maze of tunnels;

<sup>a</sup> *Medimnus* = about 12 gallons.

<sup>b</sup> A kind of ape, perh. the 'Gibbon.'

<sup>c</sup> The Termite.

διατρήσει λοξά· καὶ ἀπολείπουσί γε ἐπιτολῆς  
μίαν ὁπὴν, δι' ἧς εἰσίσσι τε αὐτοὶ καὶ τὰ σπέρματα  
ὅσα ἐκλέγουσι,<sup>1</sup> εἶτα ἐς τοὺς ἐαυτῶν θησαυροὺς  
ἐσκομίζουσι. παλαμῶνται δὲ ἄρα τὰς ἐν ὕψει  
φωλεύσεις ὑπὲρ τοῦ τὰς ἐκ τῶν ποταμῶν ἀναχύ-  
σεις τε καὶ ἐπικλύσεις διαδιδράσκειν. καὶ αὐτοῖς  
ὑπὲρ τῆσδε τῆς σοφίας περιγίνεται ὥσπερ ἐν  
σκοπιαῖς τισιν ἢ νήσοις κατοικεῖν, ὅταν τῶν  
λοφιδίων ἐκείνων τὰ κύκλω περιλιμνάσῃ.<sup>2</sup> τὰ δ'  
οὖν χώματα ἐκεῖνα, καίτοι συμπεφορημένα, το-  
σοῦτον ἀποδεῖ τοῦ λύεσθαί τε καὶ διαξάινεσθαι  
ὑπὸ τῆς περικλύσεως, ὡς καὶ κρατύνεσθαι αὐτά,  
πρῶτον μὲν ὑπὸ τῆς ἐξῆς δρόσου· ὑπαμφιέν-  
νται<sup>3</sup> γὰρ ὡς εἰπεῖν ἐκ ταύτης πάγου τινὰ  
χιτῶνα ὑπόλεπτον, πλὴν καρτερόν· εἶτα μέντοι  
δεσμεύεται κάτω βρυώδει τῆς ποταμίας ἰλῦος  
φλοιῷ. καὶ μυρμηκῶν μὲν Ἰνδῶν περὶ Ἰόβα  
πάλαι, ἐμοὶ δὲ νῦν ἐς τοσοῦτον λελέχθω.

16. Παρὰ τοῖς Ἀριανοῖς τοῖς Ἰνδικοῖς χάσμα  
Πλούτωνός ἐστι, καὶ κάτω τινὲς ἀπόρρητοι σύριγ-  
γες καὶ ὁδοὶ κρυπταὶ καὶ διαδρομαὶ ἀνθρώποις  
<μὲν><sup>4</sup> ἀθέατοι, βαθεῖαι δ' οὖν καὶ ἐπὶ μήκιστον  
προήκουσαι· γενόμεναι δὲ πῶς<sup>5</sup> καὶ ὀρωρυγμέναι  
τρώπῃ τῇ, οὔτε Ἰνδοὶ λέγουσιν, οὔτε ἐγὼ μαθεῖν  
πολυπραγμονῶ. ἄγουσιν οὖν<sup>6</sup> Ἰνδοὶ καὶ ὑπὲρ τὰ  
τρισμύρια ἐνταῦθα κτήνη<sup>7</sup> προβάτων τε καὶ αἰγῶν  
καὶ βοῶν καὶ ἵππων· καὶ ἕκαστος τῶν ἢ δεισάν-  
των<sup>8</sup> ἐνύπνιον ἢ ὅτταν τινὰ ἢ φήμην ἢ ὄρνιν

<sup>1</sup> ἐκλέγονται.<sup>3</sup> ἐπ- H.<sup>5</sup> Jac: πῶς.<sup>2</sup> περιλιμνάσθαι H.<sup>4</sup> <μὲν> add. H.<sup>6</sup> ἄγουσι γοῦν.

and on the top they leave a single hole through  
which they themselves enter and bring into their  
storehouses all the seeds which they select. You  
see, they construct their caves high up in order to  
escape from inundations and floods from rivers.  
The result of this clever move is that they are living  
as it were in watch-towers or on islands at a time  
when all the land around their hillocks becomes a  
lake. Now these mounds, although merely heaped  
up, are so far from being dissolved and eaten away  
by an inundation that they are actually strengthened,  
primarily by the morning dew, for they are, so to  
say, clothed beneath with a fine but strong coating  
of frost resulting from the dew; then at the base  
they are bound round with a bark-like coating of  
weeds from the river mud.

Juba long ago wrote about the Ants of India;  
but this is all I have to say at present.

16. In the country of the Ariani<sup>a</sup> of India there is  
a Chasm of Pluto, and at the bottom there are  
certain mysterious galleries, hidden paths, and  
passages unseen of man, though they are in fact  
deep and extend a very long way. But how they  
came to be and how they were dug, neither the  
Indians can say nor have I been at the pains to  
discover. Now the Indians bring to the spot over  
thirty thousand beasts—sheep, goats, cattle, and  
horses. And everyone who has been scared by  
some dream or has encountered some omen divine

<sup>a</sup> Ariana comprehended, roughly speaking, most of the  
modern Persia, Afghanistan, and India as far as the river  
Indus.

<sup>7</sup> κτήνη διάφορα.<sup>8</sup> δεισάντων del. H.

οὐκ εὐέδρον ὑφορωμένων ἀντὶ τῆς ἑαυτοῦ ζωῆς ἐμβάλλει κατὰ τὴν οἴκοθεν<sup>1</sup> δύναμιν, ἑαυτὸν λυτρούμενος καὶ διδοὺς ὑπὲρ τῆς ἑαυτοῦ ψυχῆς τὴν τοῦ ζῶον. τὰ δὲ ἄγεται οὔτε ἐδεσμοῖς ἐπαγόμενα οὔτε ἐλαυνόμενα ἄλλως, ἐκόντα δὲ τὴν ὁδὸν τήνδε ἀνύτει ἔλξει τινὶ καὶ ὕγγι ἀπορρήτῳ. εἴτα ἐπιστάντα τῷ στομίῳ ἐκόντα ἐμπεδήσῃ, καὶ ὅφει μὲν ἀνθρωπίνῃ οὐκ ἔστιν οὐκέτι σύνοπτα ἐς γῆς χάσμα ἀπορρήτῳ τε καὶ ἀχανὲς ἐμπεσόντα, ἀκούονται δ' οὖν<sup>2</sup> ἄνω βοῶν μὲν μυκηθμοί, τῶν δὲ οἴων βληχή, χρεμετισμός δὲ τῶν ἵππων καὶ μηκὴ τῶν αἰγῶν. καὶ εἴ τις ἐπιπολῆς βαδίζῃ καὶ προχωροί<sup>3</sup> τὸ οὖς παραβάλλων, ἀκούσεται ἐπὶ μήκιστον τῶν προειρημένων. οὐδὲ ἐκλείπει ποτὲ ὁ συμμιγῆς ἦχος, ἐπιπεμπόντων ὁσήμεραι τὰ ὑπὲρ ἑαυτῶν ζῷα. εἰ μὲν οὖν τὰ πρόσφατα ἐξακούεται μόνῃ ἢ καὶ τῶν πρώτων τινά, οὐκ οἶδα, ἀκούεται δ' οὖν. καὶ εἴρηται μοι ζῶων τῶν ἐκεῖ καὶ τοῦτο ἴδιον.

17. Ἐν δὲ τῇ καλουμένῃ Μεγάλῃ θαλάττῃ καὶ νῆσον ἄδουσι μεγίστην, καὶ ὄνομα αὐτῆς ἀκούω Ταπροβάνην· πάντῃ δὲ δολιχὴν πυνθάνομαι καὶ ὑψηλὴν τὴν νῆσον εἶναι, καὶ μήκος μὲν ἔχει σταδίων ἑπτακισχιλίων, πλάτος δὲ πεντακισχιλίων, καὶ ἔχει οὐ πόλεις, ἀλλὰ κώμας πεντήκοντα καὶ ἑπτακοσίας· στέγας δὲ ἔχουσιν ἔνθα<sup>4</sup> κατάγονται οἱ ἐπιχώριοι ἐκ ξύλων πεποιημένας, ἥδη δὲ καὶ

<sup>1</sup> οἴκοθεν αὐτοῦ.

<sup>2</sup> γοῶν.

<sup>3</sup> προχωροί.

<sup>4</sup> ὅθεν.

<sup>a</sup> The Indian Ocean.

<sup>b</sup> Ceylon.

<sup>c</sup> 7000 stades = about 789 mi., 5000 = about 568 mi.

or human, or who has seen some bird in an unfavourable quarter, casts into the Chasm what his personal means can afford by way of ransom for himself, sacrificing the life of an animal for his own life. And the victims are brought there without being hauled with ropes or otherwise compelled, and make the journey of their own free will owing to some mysterious attraction or spell. Then, as they stand on the brink, of their own accord they leap into the Chasm and are no more seen of the human eye once they have fallen into this mysterious and yawning Chasm of earth, while above are heard the lowing of cattle, the baa of sheep, the neighing of horses, and the bleating of goats. And anyone who walks over the surface of the land and comes to the spot and listens will hear the aforesaid animals for a very long while. And the confused sounds never cease, since every day the Indians send in animals for their own redemption. Now whether it is only the recent victims that are audible or some of the earlier ones also, I cannot say, but audible they are. So much for this singular trait in the animals of that country.

17. It is commonly reported that in the Great Sea,<sup>a</sup> as it is called, there is an island of immense area, and I have heard that its name is Taprobane.<sup>b</sup> And I learn that this island is very long and high: its length is seven thousand *stades* and its width five thousand; <sup>c</sup> it has no cities, only seven-hundred-and-fifty villages, and the dwellings where the inhabitants lodge are made of wood and even of reeds.

The actual length of Ceylon from N to S is 271½ mi. and the width 137½ mi.

δονάκων. τίκονται δὲ ἄρα ἐν ταύτῃ τῇ θαλάττῃ καὶ χελῳναί μέγισται, ὧν περ οὖν τὰ ἔλντρα ὄροφοι γίνονται· καὶ γὰρ ἐστὶ καὶ πεντέκαίδεκα πῆχυν ἐν χελώνιον, ὡς ὑποικεῖν οὐκ ὀλίγους· καὶ ἡλίους πυρωδεστάτους ἀποστέγει, καὶ σκιὰν ἀσμένους παρέχει, πρὸς γε μὴν τῶν ὄμβρων τὰς καταφοράς ἀντίτυπὸν ἐστὶ, καὶ κεράμου παντὸς καρτερώτερον,<sup>1</sup> τὰς τε ἐμβολὰς τῶν ὑετῶν ἀποσεύεται, καὶ κροτούμενον ἀκούουσιν οἱ ὑποικοῦντες, ὡς ἐς τι τέγος ἐμπιπτόντων τῶν ὑδάτων. οὐ δέονται γε μὴν ὡς κέραμον βράγντα ἀμείψαι· σκληρὸν γὰρ τὸ χελώνιον,<sup>2</sup> καὶ ἔοικεν ὑπορωρυγμένη πέτρα καὶ<sup>3</sup> ὑπάνθρωπ τε καὶ αὐτορόφῳ στέγῃ.

18. Ἡ τοίνυν νῆσος ἣ ἐν τῇ Μεγάλῃ θαλάττῃ, ἣν καλοῦσι Ταπροβάνην, ἔχει φοινικῶνας μὲν θαυμαστῶς πεφυτευμένους ἐς στοῖχον, ὥσπερ οὖν ἐν τοῖς ἄβροῖς τῶν παραδείσων οἱ τούτων μελεδωνοὶ φυτεύουσι τὰ δένδρα τὰ σκιαδηφόρα, ἔχει δὲ καὶ νομάς ἐλεφάντων πολλῶν καὶ μεγίστων. καὶ οἱ γε νησιῶται ἐλέφαντες τῶν ἡπειρωτῶν ἀλκιμώτεροί τε τὴν ῥώμην καὶ μείζους ἰδεῖν εἰσὶ, καὶ θυμοσοφώτεροι δὲ πάντα πάντῃ κρίνουντο ἄν. κομίζουσι τε οὖν αὐτοὺς ἐς τὴν ἀντιπέρας<sup>4</sup> ἡπείρου ναὺς μεγάλας τεκτηνόμενοι (ἔχει γὰρ δῆπον καὶ δάσην ἢ νῆσον), πιπράσκουσι τε διαπλευσάντες τῷ βασιλεῖ τῷ ἐν Καλίνγαις. διὰ μέγεθος δὲ ἄρα τῆς νήσου οὐδὲ ἴσασιν οἱ τὰ μέσα αὐτῆς οἰκοῦντες τὴν θάλατταν, ἀλλὰ ἡπειρώτην μὲν βίον

<sup>1</sup> κρατερώτερον.

<sup>2</sup> χελώνιον.

<sup>3</sup> <ἦ> καὶ Jac.

Now in this sea Turtles of immense size are hatched, and their shells are made into roofs, for a single shell measures fifteen cubits across, so that quite a number of persons can live underneath; and it keeps out the most fiery sun and affords a welcome shade; moreover it resists a downpour of rain, and being stronger than any tiles, it shakes off pelting showers, while the inmates beneath listen to it being pounded, as though the water were descending upon a tiled roof. Yet they have no need to exchange old for new as you must with a broken tile, for the Turtle's shell is hard and resembles a rock that has been hollowed out or the roof of a cavern vaulted by nature.

The Turtle  
of the Indian  
Ocean

18. Now this island which they call Taprobane in the Great Sea has groves of palm-trees wonderfully planted in lines, just as in luxurious parks shady trees are planted by those in charge; it has also pasturing grounds for numerous Elephants of the largest size. And these Elephants of the island are more powerful and bigger than those of the mainland, and may be judged naturally cleverer in every way. And so the people build huge ships (for the island of course has dense forests) and transport the Elephants to the mainland opposite, and having crossed, sell them to the King of the Calingae.<sup>a</sup> But owing to the size of the island those who live in the middle of it do not even know the sea but live as though

Taprobane,  
its elephants

<sup>a</sup> Their territory lay along the E coast of India between the mouths of the Mahanadi and Godavari rivers, far N of Ceylon; but Ael. appears to regard it as in the same latitude as the island.

τρίβουσι, περιερχομένην<sup>1</sup> δὲ αὐτοὺς καὶ κυκλο-  
μένην πυνθάνονται θάλατταν. οἱ δὲ τῇ θαλάττῃ  
πρόσοικοι τῆς μὲν ἄγρας τῆς τῶν ἐλεφάντων  
ἀμαθῶς ἔχουσιν, ἀκοῇ δὲ αὐτὴν ἴσασι μόνη· περι-  
γε μὴν τὰς τῶν ἰχθύων καὶ τὰς τῶν κητῶν ἄγρας  
τίθενται τὴν σπουδῇ. τὴν γάρ τοι θάλατταν τὴν  
περιερχομένην τὸν τῆς νήσου κύκλον ἁμαχόν τι  
πλήθος καὶ ἰχθύων καὶ κητῶν τρέφειν<sup>2</sup> φασί, καὶ  
ταῦτα μέντοι καὶ λεόντων ἔχειν κεφαλὰς καὶ  
παρδάλεων καὶ λύκων<sup>3</sup> καὶ κριῶν δέ, καὶ τὸ ἔτι  
θαῦμα σατύρων μορφὰς κήτῃ ἔστιν ἃ περιφέρει  
καὶ γυναικῶν ὄψιν,<sup>4</sup> αἰσπερ ἀντὶ πλοκάμων ἄκανθαί  
προσῆρτηνται. ἔχειν δὲ καὶ ἄλλας τινὰς ὑμνοῦσιν  
ἐκτόπους μορφὰς, ὧν τὰ εἶδη μὴδ' ἂν τοὺς δεινοὺς  
γράφειν καὶ κράσεις σωμάτων συμπλέκειν ἐς τερα-  
τείαν ὄψεων ἀκριβῶσαι ποτε καὶ σοφία γραφικῇ  
παραστήσαι δύνασθαι ἂν· προμήκη δὲ ἔχει τὰ  
οὐραῖα καὶ ἐλικτά, πόδας γε μὴν χηλὰς ἢ πτερύγια.  
πυνθάνομαι δὲ αὐτὰ καὶ ἀμφίβια εἶναι, καὶ νύκτωρ  
μὲν ἐπινέμεσθαι τὰς ἀρούρας· πόαν μὲν γάρ<sup>5</sup>  
ἐσθίειν τῶν ἀγελαίων τε καὶ σπερμολόγων δίκην,  
χαίρειν δὲ καὶ τῷ φοίνικι τῷ δρυπετεί, διασεύειν  
τε ἐκ τούτου τὰ δένδρα ταῖς σπείραις περιβάλ-  
λοντα αὐτὰς ὑγρὰς οὐσας καὶ οἷας περιπλέκεσθαι.  
τοῦτον οὖν τὸν φοῖνικα ἐκ τοῦ σεισμοῦ τοῦ βιαιού  
καταρρέοντα ἐπινέμεσθαι· ὑπολήγει δὲ ἄρα νύξ,<sup>6</sup>  
καὶ σαφὴς οὕτω ἡμέρα, καὶ ἐκεῖνα ἠφάνισθη  
καταδύντα ἐς τὸ πέλαγος, ἔω<sup>7</sup> μέλλοντος ὑπο-

<sup>1</sup> τὴν περιερχομένην.

<sup>2</sup> ἐκτρέφειν.

<sup>3</sup> ἄλλων.

<sup>4</sup> ὄψιν ἔχουσιν.

<sup>5</sup> μὲν γὰρ οὖν.

they were of the mainland and only learn by report  
of the sea that surrounds and encircles them.  
Whereas those that live near to the sea are ignorant  
of the way in which Elephants are hunted and  
only know of it by hearsay: they devote them-  
selves to catching fish and sea-monsters. For  
they assert that the sea which surrounds the circuit  
of their island breeds a multitude past numbering  
of fishes and monsters, and moreover that they  
have the heads of lions and leopards and wolves  
and rams, and, still more wonderful to relate, that  
there are some which have the forms of satyrs  
with the faces of women, and these have spines  
attached in place of hair. They tell of others too  
which have strange forms whose appearance not  
even men skilled in painting and in combining  
bodies of diverse shapes to make one marvel at the  
sight, could portray with accuracy or represent for  
all their artistic skill; for these creatures have  
immense and coiling tails, while for feet they have  
claws or fins. I learn too that they are amphibious<sup>a</sup>  
and that at night they graze the fields, for they eat  
the grass as cattle and rooks do; they enjoy the  
ripe fruit of the date-palm and therefore shake the  
trees with their coils, which being supple and capable  
of embracing, they fling round them. So when the  
shower of dates has fallen because of this violent  
shaking, they feed upon it. And then as the night  
waned and before it is clear daylight these creatures  
plunge into the ocean and disappear as the dawn

<sup>a</sup> Ael. is apparently describing the Dugong, *Halicore dugong*, a large, herbivorous, seal-like mammal of the Indian Ocean; see O. Keller, *Ant. Tierwelt* 1. 414.

<sup>6</sup> ἡ νύξ.

<sup>7</sup> Ἐωσφόρου? *H*, *ἐ*. <ἀστέρος>? *Jac*.

λάμπειν.<sup>1</sup> εἶναι δὲ καὶ φαλλαινας φασὶ πολλὰς, οὐ μὴν ἐς τὴν γῆν προῖεναι αὐτάς, τοὺς θύνους ἐλλοχώσας. καὶ δελφίνων δὲ γένη δύο φασὶν εἶναι, τὸ μὲν ἄγριον καὶ κάρχαρον καὶ ἀφειδέστατον ἐς τοὺς ἀλιεῖας καὶ σφόδρα ἀνοικτον,<sup>2</sup> τὸ δὲ πρᾶον τε καὶ τιθασὸν φύσει. περισκιρτᾷ γούν καὶ περινήχεται, καὶ ἔοικε κυνιδίῳ αἰκάλλοντι, καὶ ψηλαφήσεις,<sup>3</sup> ὃ δὲ ὑπομένει.<sup>4</sup> κὰν τροφήν ἐμβάλῃς, ἀσμένως λήψεται.

19. Λαγὼς θαλάττιος (τῆς μέντοι Μεγάλης· τὸν γὰρ ἕτερον εἶπον τὸν ἐκ τῆς ἑτέρας) ἀλλ' οὗτος γε ἔοικε τῷ χερσαίῳ πάντα πάντη πλὴν τῶν τριχῶν. τοῦ μὲν γὰρ ἡπειρώτου ἡ λάχνη ἔοικεν ἀπαλῇ τε εἶναι καὶ ἐπαφωμένῳ<sup>5</sup> μὴ ἀντίτυπος· ἔχει δὲ οὗτος ἀκανθώδεις τὰς τρίχας καὶ ὀρθάς, καὶ εἰ τις προσάψαιτο,<sup>6</sup> ἀμύσσεται. φασὶ δὲ αὐτὸν ἐπ' ἄκρα τῇ φρίκῃ τῆς θαλάττης νήχεσθαι καὶ μὴ καταδύνειν ἐς βάθος, ὠκιστον δὲ εἶναι τὴν νῆξιν. ζῶν δὲ οὐκ ἂν ἀλώῃ ραδίως. τὸ δὲ αἴτιον, οὐκ ἐμπίπτει ποτὲ ἐς δίκτυον, οὐ μὴν οὐδὲ καλάμου πρόσσεισιν ὀρμιᾷ καὶ δελέατι. ὅταν δὲ ἄρα νοσήσας ὅδε ὁ λαγὼς εἴτα ἡκιστος ὦν νήχεσθαι ἐκβρασθῇ, πᾶς ὅστις ἂν αὐτοῦ προσάψηται τῇ χειρὶ ἀπόλλυται ἀμεληθεὶς. ἀλλὰ καὶ τῇ βακτηρίᾳ ἐὰν θίγῃ τοῦ λαγῶ τοῦδε, καὶ δι' αὐτῆς πάσχει τὸ αὐτό, ὥσπερ οὖν καὶ οἱ τοῦ βασιλίσκου προσαψάμενοι. ρίζαν

<sup>1</sup> ὑπολάμπειν αὐτό.

<sup>2</sup> Schn: τῶν μὲν ἀγρίων... κάρχαρων... ἀφειδεστάτων... ἀνοικτων.

<sup>3</sup> κὰν ψηλαφήσης Cobet, H (1876).

<sup>4</sup> ὑπομένει H.

<sup>5</sup> Reiske: ἐπαφωμένη.

begins to glow. They say that there are also numerous Whales which lie in wait for the tunnies; Whales they do not however come up on to the land. They also say that there are two kinds of Dolphin, the Dolphins one savage, sharp-toothed, and absolutely merciless and without pity towards fishermen, the other naturally gentle and tame. At any rate it gambols and swims around, and resembles a fawning puppy, and if you handle it, it will allow you to do so, and if you throw food to it, it will receive it gladly.

19. The Sea-hare<sup>a</sup> (I mean that which is found in the Great Sea<sup>b</sup>; the other kind in the other sea I have mentioned above) resembles the land animal in every respect except in its fur. For the fur of the land-hare seems smooth and is not hard to the touch. Whereas the Sea-hare's fur is prickly and erect and if one touches it one is stabbed. They say that it swims on the surface ripples of the sea and does not dive into the depths, and that it swims very fast. It is not easily caught alive, the reason being that it never falls into a net, nor yet will it approach the line and bait of a fishing-rod. When however this Hare through sickness and inability to swim is cast up on shore, anyone who touches it with his hand dies if he is not treated. Moreover even if he touches this Hare with a stick, he suffers the same fate thereby, just like those who touch a

The Sea-hare of the Indian Ocean

<sup>a</sup> Not the 'Sea-hare' of 2. 45 and 9. 51; this seems to be 'one of the spiny Globe-fishes (Diodon)' (Thompson, *Gk. fishes*).

<sup>b</sup> See above, ch. 17.

<sup>6</sup> προσάψεται.



δὲ ἐν τῇ νήσῳ τῇ κατὰ τὴν Μεγάλην θάλατταν φύ-  
εσθαί φασι καὶ εἶναι πᾶσιν εὐγνωστον, ἥπερ οὖν  
τῇ λιποθυμίᾳ ἀντίπαλός ἐστιν. προσενεχθεῖσα  
γοῦν τῇ τοῦ λιποψυχούντος ῥινὶ ἀναβιώσκειται τὸν  
ἄνθρωπον. εἰ δὲ ἀμεληθῇ, καὶ μέχρι θανάτου  
πρόεισι τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ τὸ πάθος· τοσαύτην ἄρα ἐς  
τὸ κακὸν ὁδε ὁ λαγὼς ἔχει τὴν ἰσχύν.

20. Ἐν τοῖς χωρίοις τοῖς ἐν Ἰνδία (λέγω δὲ ἰ  
τοῖς ἐνδοτάτῳ) ὅρη φασὶν εἶναι δύσβατά τε καὶ  
ἐνθηρα, καὶ ἔχειν ζῶα ὅσα καὶ ἡ καθ' ἡμᾶς τρέφει  
γῆ, ἄγρια δὲ· καὶ γάρ τοι καὶ τὰς οἷς τὰς ἐκεῖ  
φασὶν εἶναι καὶ ταύτας θηρία, καὶ κύνας καὶ αἰγας  
καὶ βοῦς, αὐτόνομά τε ἀλάσθαι καὶ ἐλεύθερα·  
ἀφειμένα νομειτικῆς ἀρχῆς. πλήθῃ δὲ αὐτῶν καὶ  
ἀριθμοῦ πλείω φασὶν<sup>2</sup> οἱ τῶν Ἰνδῶν λόγοι. ἐν  
δὲ<sup>3</sup> τοῖς καὶ τοὺς Βραχμᾶνας ἀριθμεῖν ἀξιόν· καὶ  
γάρ τοι καὶ ἐκεῖνοι ὑπὲρ τῶνδε ὁμολογοῦσι τὰ  
αὐτά. λέγεται δὲ καὶ ζῶον ἐν τούτοις εἶναι  
μονόκερων, καὶ ὑπ' αὐτῶν ὀνομάζεσθαι καρτά-  
ζωνον. καὶ μέγεθος μὲν ἔχειν ἵππου τοῦ τελείου  
καὶ λόφον, καὶ λάχνην ἔχειν ξανθὴν, ποδῶν δὲ  
ἄριστα εἰληχένας.<sup>4</sup> καὶ τοὺς μὲν πόδας ἀδιερθῶ-  
τους τε καὶ ἐμφορεῖς ἐλέφαντι πεφυκένας,<sup>5</sup> τὴν δὲ  
οὐρὰν <ἔχειν><sup>6</sup> σὺς· μέσον δὲ τῶν ὀφρύων ἔχειν

<sup>1</sup> δῆ.<sup>2</sup> φασὶν οἱ τούτων συγγραφεῖς καὶ.<sup>3</sup> Jac.: δῆ.<sup>4</sup> εἰληχένας καὶ εἶναι ὠκιστον.<sup>5</sup> συμπεφυκένας.<sup>6</sup> <ἔχειν> add. H.

<sup>a</sup> 'Cartazonus' may be presumed to be a corruption of some Indian word. In Sanskrit 'the one-horned animal' is the Rhinoceros; *Khadga* and *Khadgin* = rhinoceros. A

basilisk. But they say that there is a root which grows in the island by the Great Sea and that it is well-known to everybody, and is an antidote to fainting. At any rate if it is applied to the nose of the fainting man it revives him. But if he is not treated, his malady grows worse until the man dies. Such power, you see, has this Hare to work destruction.

20. In certain regions of India (I mean in the very heart of the country) they say that there are impassable mountains full of wild life, and that they contain just as many animals as our own country produces, only wild. For they say that even the sheep there are wild, the dogs too and the goats and the cattle, and that they roam at their own sweet will in freedom and uncontrolled by any herdsman. Indian historians assert that their numbers are past counting, and among the historians we must reckon the Brahmins, for they also agree in telling the same story.

And in these same regions there is said to exist a one-horned beast which they call *Cartazonus*.<sup>a</sup> It is the size of a full-grown horse, has the mane of a horse, reddish hair, and is very swift of foot. Its feet are, like those of the elephant, not articulated and it has the tail of a pig. Between its eyebrows it has a horn growing out; it is not smooth but has

fuller form was *Khadgadanta*, whence came the Persian *Kargadan*. The Greek *καρτάζωνος* may have replaced some such Indian-Prakrit word. See H. W. Bailey, *Zoroastrian problems*, 110, and *Bull. of School of Or. & Afr. studies* 10 (1940-42) 899; F. Edgerton, *Buddhist hybrid Sanskrit dict.* 202; E. Sachau, *Alberuni's India*, I. 204, and *Indo-europ. Studien* (Abh. Berl. Ak. Wiss. 1888), p. 18; O. Shepard, *Lore of the Unicorn*, 36.

ἐκπεφυκὸς κέρασ οὐ λείον ἀλλὰ ἐλιγμοὺς ἔχον  
τινὰς καὶ μάλα αὐτοφυεῖς, καὶ εἶναι μέλαν τὴν  
χρόαν· λέγεται δὲ καὶ δεύτατον εἶναι τὸ κέρασ  
ἐκεῖνο. φωνὴν δὲ ἔχειν τὸ θηρίον ἀκούω τοῦτο  
πάντων ἀπηχεστάτην τε καὶ γεγωνοτάτην. καὶ  
τῶν μὲν ἄλλων αὐτῷ ζῶων προσιόντων φέρειν καὶ  
πρᾶον εἶναι, λέγουσι δὲ ἄρα πρὸς τὸ ὁμόφυλον  
δύσεριν εἶναι πως. καὶ οὐ μόνον φασὶ τοῖς ἄρρεσιν  
εἶναι τινα συμφυὴ κύριξιν τε πρὸς ἀλλήλους καὶ  
μάχην, ἀλλὰ καὶ πρὸς τὰς θηλείας ἔχουσι θυμὸν  
τὸν αὐτόν, καὶ προάγοντες τὴν φιλονικίαν καὶ  
μέχρι θανάτου <τοῦ><sup>1</sup> ἡττηθέντος ἐξάγουσιν.  
ἔστι μὲν οὖν καὶ διὰ παντὸς τοῦ σώματος ῥωμα-  
λέον, ἀλκή δὲ οἱ τοῦ κέρατος ἀμαχὸς ἐστι. νομάς  
δὲ ἐρήμους ἀσπάζεταιται, καὶ πλανᾶται μόνον· ὥρα  
δὲ ἀφροδίτης τῆς σφετέρας συνδυασθεὶς πρὸς τὴν  
θήλειαν πεπράννται, καὶ μέντοι καὶ συννόμῳ ἔσθον.  
εἴτα ταύτης παραδραμούσης καὶ τῆς θηλείας  
κουύσης, ἐκθηριούται αὖθις, καὶ μονίας ἐστὶν ὅδε  
ὁ Ἰνδὸς καρτάζωνος. τούτων οὖν πῶλους πάνυ  
νεαροὺς κομίζεσθαι φασὶ τῷ τῶν Πρασίων βασιλεῖ,  
καὶ τὴν ἀλκὴν ἐν ἀλλήλοις ἐπιδείκνυσθαι κατὰ τὰς  
θέας τὰς πανηγυρικὰς. τέλειον δὲ ἀλῶναι ποτε  
οὐδεὶς μέμνηται.

21. Ὑπερελθόντι τὰ ὄρη τὰ γειτνιώντα τοῖς Ἰν-  
δοῖς κατὰ τὴν ἐνδοτάτῃ πλευρᾷ φανοῦνται φασὶν  
αὐλῶνες δασύτατοι, καὶ καλεῖται γε ὑπ' Ἰνδῶν  
ὁ χώρος Κόλουνδα. ἀλᾶται<sup>2</sup> δὲ ἄρα φασὶν ἐν  
τοῖσδε τοῖς αὐλῶσι ζῶα Σατύροις ἐμφορῇ τὰς  
μορφάς, τὸ πᾶν σῶμα λάσια, καὶ ἔχει κατὰ τῆς

spirals of quite natural growth, and is black in colour.  
This horn is also said to be exceedingly sharp. And  
I am told that the creature has the most discordant  
and powerful voice of all animals. When other  
animals approach, it does not object but is gentle;  
with its own kind however it is inclined to be quarrel-  
some. And they say that not only do the males in-  
stinctively butt and fight one another, but that they  
display the same temper towards the females, and  
carry their contentiousness to such a length that it  
ends only in the death of their defeated rival. The  
fact is that strength resides in every part of the ani-  
mal's body, and the power of its horn is invincible.  
It likes lonely grazing-grounds where it roams in  
solitude, but at the mating season, when it associates  
with the female, it becomes gentle and the two even  
graze side by side. Later when the season has passed  
and the female is pregnant, the male Cartazonus of  
India reverts to its savage and solitary state. They  
say that the foals when quite young are taken to the  
King of the Prasii and exhibit their strength one  
against another in the public shows, but nobody  
remembers a full-grown animal having been captured.

21. When one has passed the mountains that border upon India there will come into view densely wooded glens on the inner side of the mountains, and the Indians call the region Colunda. And in these glens, they say, creatures resembling Satyrs roam at large; their whole body is shaggy and they

Satyr-like  
creatures in  
India

<sup>1</sup> <τοῦ> add. H.

<sup>2</sup> ἀλῶνται.

ἰξύος ἵππουριν. καὶ καθ' ἑαυτὰ μὲν μὴ ἐνοχλοῦ-  
μενα διατρίβει ἐν τοῖς δρυμοῖς ὑλοτραγοῦντα· ὅταν  
δὲ αἰσθωνται κυνηγετῶν κτύπου, καὶ ἀκούσωσι  
κυνῶν ὑλακῆς, ἀναθέουσιν ἐς τὰς ἀκρωρείας αὐτὰς  
ἀμάχω<sup>1</sup> τῷ τάχει· καὶ γάρ εἰσι ταῖς ὀρειβασίαις  
ἐντριβεῖς. καὶ ἀπομάχονται πέτρας τινὰς κυλι-  
δοῦντες κατὰ τῶν ἐπιόντων, καὶ καταλαμβάνομενοί  
γε πολλοὶ διαφθείρονται. καὶ ἐκ τούτων εἰσὶν  
ἐκείνοι δυσάλωτοι, καὶ μόλις ποτὲ καὶ διὰ μακροῦ  
τινὰς αὐτῶν ἐς Πρασίους κομίζεσθαι λέγουσι.  
καὶ τούτων μέντοι ἢ τὰ νοσοῦντα ἐκομίσθη ἢ  
θῆλέα τινα κύοντα.<sup>2</sup> καὶ συνέβη γε θηραθῆναι τοῖς  
μὲν διὰ τὴν νωθείαν, ταῖς δὲ διὰ τὸν τῆς γαστροῦ  
ὀγκον.

22. Ἔστι δὲ καὶ Σκιράται πέραν Ἰνδῶν ἔθνος  
καὶ τοῦτο, καὶ εἰσὶ σιμοὶ τὰς ῥίνας, εἴτε οὕτως ἐκ  
βρεφῶν ἀπαλῶν ἐνθλάσει τῇ τῆς ῥίνος διαμείναν-  
τες, εἴτε καὶ τοῦτον τὸν τρόπον τίκτονται. γίνον-  
ται δὲ ὄφεις παρ' αὐτοῖς μεγέθει μέγιστοι, ὧν οἱ  
μὲν ἀρπάζουσι τὰς ποιμένας καὶ σιτοῦνται, οἱ δὲ  
ἐκθηλάζουσι τὸ αἷμα, ὥσπερ οὖν παρὰ τοῖς  
Ἑλλήσιν οἱ αἰγοθήλαι, ὧν περ οὖν καὶ ἀνωτέρω  
οἶδα ποιησάμενος μνημὴν εὐκαιροτάτην.

23. Ἴππου δὲ ἄρα καὶ τὸ εὐμαθὲς ἴδιον ἦν, καὶ  
τοῦτου μαρτύριον ἐκείνο. Συβαρίτας τοὺς ἐν  
Ἰταλίᾳ τρυφῆς ἀκούω ποιήσασθαι φροντίδα ὑπερ-

<sup>1</sup> ἀμάχανω.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ κύοντα.

<sup>a</sup> A primitive race of Pygmies, long-haired and with a light-coloured skin, living in the N and NE of India.

have a horse's tail at their waist. And if left to themselves and not troubled, they live among the thickets and subsist off the trees, but whenever they hear the sound of huntsmen or the baying of dogs they run up to the mountain ridges with a speed that none can overtake, for they are inured to roaming the mountains. And from there they fight by rolling down rocks upon their assailants, and many are they that are caught and destroyed. These are the reasons why they are hard to capture, so they say that few indeed, and these at long intervals, are despatched to the Prasii, and of these few it was either sick animals or pregnant females that were despatched: the accident of their capture was due in the case of the males to their tardiness, in the case of the females to their being big-bellied.

22. The Sciratae<sup>a</sup> also are a people on the other side of India, and they are snub-nosed, and are permanently so either from having their noses dented in tender infancy or because they are born like that. And in their country there occur Snakes of enormous size, some of which seize and devour the flocks, while others suck out their blood, just as the goatsuckers do in Greece<sup>b</sup>: the latter I know I have mentioned earlier on<sup>c</sup> at the most appropriate place.

23. Docility, it seems, is another characteristic of the Horse; witness the following account. I have heard that the inhabitants of Sybaris in Italy

<sup>b</sup> This is a complete fiction; see Thompson, *Gk. birds*, s.v. αἰγοθήλας.

<sup>c</sup> See 3. 39.

βάλλουσιν, καὶ τῶν μὲν ἄλλων ἔργων τε καὶ σπουδασμάτων ἀμαθῶς ἔχειν, πάντα δὲ τὸν ἑαυτῶν βίον διάγειν ῥασις τῶν ἀργίας καὶ πολυτελείας. περιηγέσθαι μὲν οὖν ἕκαστα τῶν ἐν Συβάρει μακρὸν ἂν εἴη νῦν, ἐκεῖνο δ' οὖν ὁμολογεῖ τρυφήν ἄμαχον. δεδιδαγμένοι ἦσαν αὐτοῖς οἱ ἵπποι παρὰ τὸν τῆς εὐχίας καιρὸν ὀρχεῖσθαι πρὸς αὐλὸν ἐν ῥυθμῷ.<sup>1</sup> τοῦτο οὖν εἰδότες οἱ Κροτωνιάται (ἐπολέμουν δὲ αὐτοῖς) σάλπιγγα μὲν καὶ ἦχον σύντονον καὶ παρακλητικὸν ἐς ὅπλα κατεσίγασαν, αὐλοὺς δὲ καὶ αὐλητὰς παραλαβόντες, ἐπεὶ ὁμοῦ ἦσαν καὶ τόξενμα ἐξικνεῖτο ἤδη, ἐνέδωσαν ἐκεῖνοι τὸ μέλος τὸ ὀρχηστικόν, ὅπερ οὖν ἀκούσαντες οἱ τῶν Συβαριτῶν ἵπποι,<sup>2</sup> ὡς ἐν μέσοις ὄντες τοῖς συμποσίοις, ἀπεσεύσαντο μὲν τοὺς ἀναβάτας, ἐσκίρτων δὲ καὶ ἐχόρευον. καὶ τῇ τε ἄλλῃ<sup>3</sup> τὴν τάξιν συνέχεαν καὶ τὸν πόλεμον ἐξωρχήσαντο.

24. Ὑπὲρ τῶν ἵππων τῶν καλουμένων λυκοσπᾶδων εἶπον καὶ ἀνωτέρω, καὶ νῦν δὲ εἰρήσεται ὅσα προσακήκοα ἴδια. τὴν ὄψιν ἔχουσι συνεστραμμένην καὶ βραχεῖαν, ἔτι δὲ σιμῇν. λέγουσι δὲ αὐτὰς εἶναι καὶ φιλέλληνας, καὶ ἔχειν τοῦ γένους τοῦδε σύνεσιν τινα ἀπόρρητον, καὶ συμφυῇ πρὸς αὐτοὺς ἀποσώζειν φιλίαν, καὶ προσιόντων τε καὶ

<sup>1</sup> Schn: τῷ ῥυθμῷ mss, del. H.

<sup>2</sup> ἵπποι κατὰ τὴν οἰκὸν μνήμην.

<sup>3</sup> τῇ τε ἄλλῃ] ταύτῃ H, τῇ τε ἄλλῃ Bernard.

devoted an excessive amount of thought to delicate living; of other matters and pursuits they knew nothing, but spent their entire time in easy-going sloth and extravagance. To explain in detail all that went on in Sybaris would make a long story now; the following tale however attests their unsurpassed luxuriousness. Their horses had been trained to dance in time to the music of the pipe at their hour for banqueting. Accordingly the inhabitants of Croton knowing this (they were at war with Sybaris), had their trumpet with its piercing note that summons to arms silenced; they collected pipes and pipe-players, and when they were at close quarters and within a bowshot, the players struck up the dance-music. At the sound the horses of the people of Sybaris, imagining that they were in the midst of a wine-party, shook off their riders and began to leap about and dance. And they not only threw the ranks into confusion but also 'danced away' the war.<sup>a</sup>

24. I have spoken earlier on of the horses which are called *lycospades*,<sup>b</sup> and I will now describe some further characteristics of which I have heard. Their face is compact, short, and snub-nosed. They are said to be fond of the Greek people, to understand them by some mysterious means, and to maintain a natural friendship for them, so that if Greeks approach them, touch them, and pat them

<sup>a</sup> Sybaris was annihilated by the people of Croton, 510 B.C. Efforts to re-found it were unsuccessful.

<sup>b</sup> A breed of horses from the S of Italy. Ael. has not mentioned them before, though they share some of the characteristics mentioned in 11. 36.

ἐπαφωμένων καὶ κοίλῃ τῇ χειρὶ πως ἐπικροτούντων  
μὴ ἄχθεσθαι μηδὲ ἀποσκιρτᾶν, καὶ συνδιημερεύειν  
μὲν αὐτοῖς <sup>1</sup> ὥσπερ οὖν δεδεμένους, καθευδόντων  
δὲ καθεύδειν πλησίον. ἐὰν δὲ προσέλθῃ βάρβαρος,  
ὥσπερ οὖν αἱ ῥινηλατοῦσαι κύνες ἐκ τῶν ἰχνῶν  
συνιᾶσι τὰ θηρία, οὕτω τοι καὶ αἱ ἵπποι ἐκείναι <sup>2</sup>  
γινώσκουσι τὸ γένος, καὶ χρεμετίζουσι καὶ φεύ-  
γουσιν οἷα δῆπου δεδοικυῖαι θηρίον. τοῖς μὲν οὖν  
συνήθεσι καὶ χιλὸν ἐμβάλλουσι καὶ τὴν ἄλλην  
κομιδὴν προσφέρουσι πάννῃ ἡδονῇ, καὶ βούλονται  
ὠραῖαι φαίνεσθαι, καὶ ἔτι μᾶλλον τοῖς ἐαυτῶν  
ἡνίοχοις. καὶ τὸ μαρτύριον, ὅταν νήχωνται, ἐνδο-  
τέρω προχωροῦσιν ἢ τῆς λίμνης ἢ τῆς θαλάττης ἢ  
τῆς κρήνης, τὸ πρόσωπον φαιδρύνειν βουλόμεναι,  
ἵνα μή τι ἄμορφον ἢ ἀκαλλές ἐκ τῆς φάτνης ἢ ἐκ  
τῆς ὁδοῦ προσπεσὼν εἴτα ἐπιθολώσῃ τὸ κάλλος.  
λυκοσπάδι δὲ ἄρα ἵππῳ καὶ ἄλοιφαὶ εὐώδεις ὥς  
νύμφῃ φίλαι καὶ μύρων ὁσμὴ. καὶ Ὅμηρος δὲ τὸ  
φιληδεῖν ἵππους χρίσμασι φύσει πάντας ὁμολογεῖ  
λέγων

τοίου γὰρ σθένος ἐσθλὸν ἀπώλεσαν ἡνίοχοι  
ἡπίου, ὃς σφῶν μάλα πολλάκις ὑγρὸν ἔλαιον  
χαιτᾶων κατέχευε, λοέσσας ὕδατι λευκῷ.

καὶ Σημωνίδης <sup>3</sup> δὲ ἐκ παντοδαπῶν θηρίων λέγων  
τὰς γυναῖκας γενέσθαι τε καὶ διαπλασθῆναι φησὶν  
ἐνίαις ἐκ τῶν ἵππων τό τε φιλόκοσμον καὶ φιλόμυ-  
ρον συντεχθῆναι καὶ ἐκείναις <sup>4</sup> φύσει. <sup>5</sup> ἃ δὲ λέγει,  
ταῦτά ἐστιν·

<sup>1</sup> Reiske: αὐτοῖς.

<sup>2</sup> οὕτω . . . ἐκείναι] Jac: ἐκεῖνα, οὕτω . . . ἵπποι γ.

<sup>3</sup> Σιμ- MSS, H.

<sup>4</sup> κατ' ἐκείνους.

<sup>5</sup> Ges: φύσαις, φῦναι, οἱ φουόσαις.

with the hollow of their hand, they do not resent it  
or shy away, but pass their days at their side as  
though they were tethered, and when the Greeks  
lie down to sleep they will sleep at their side. If  
however some foreigner approaches, then, just as  
hounds on the scent recognise animals by their  
tracks, so do these mares know the man's origin,  
and neigh and flee away as though they were  
afraid of some wild beast. But their delight is in  
familiar friends who give them fodder and generally  
tend them, and they are anxious to appear beautiful,  
especially in the eyes of their drivers. The proof of  
this is that when they go swimming they advance  
far into the lake or sea or spring in their eagerness  
to sleek their faces, so that nothing disfiguring or  
unlovely from the manger or from their journey  
may befoul their beauty. Fragrant unguents and  
the scent of perfumes are as dear to a lycospad horse  
as they are to a bride. And Homer testifies to the  
natural love which all horses have for unguents  
when he says [Il. 23. 280]

'For so mighty a charioteer and so gentle have  
they lost, who right often would pour upon their  
manes smooth oil when he had washed them in  
clear water.'

And Semonides describing how women are born and  
moulded after animals of all kinds, says that the  
horse's love of ornament and of perfumes is innate  
in some women also. These are his words [fr.  
7. 57 Diehl]:

τὴν δ' ἵππος ἀβρὴ χαϊτέεσσι<sup>1</sup> ἐγείνατο,  
 ἢ δούλι' ἔργα καὶ δύνῃ<sup>2</sup> περιτρέπει·  
 κοῦτ' ἂν μύλης ψαύσειεν, οὔτε κόσκινων  
 ἄρειεν, οὔτε κόπρον ἐξ οἴκου βάλοι,  
 οὔτε πρὸς ἵπνον ἀσβόλην ἀλευμένη  
 ἴζοιτ'. ἀνάγκη δ' ἄνδρα ποιεῖται φίλον.  
 λούται δὲ πάσης ἡμέρας ἀπο ῥύπον  
 δῖς, ἄλλοτε τρίς, καὶ μύροις ἀλείφεται.  
 αἰεὶ<sup>3</sup> δὲ χαίτην ἐκτενισμένην φορεῖ  
 βαθεῖαν, ἀνθέμοισιν ἐσκιασμένην.  
 καλὸν μὲν οὖν θέγμα τοιαύτη γυνή  
 ἄλλοιοι, τῷ δ' ἔχοντι γίγνεται κακόν,  
 ἦν μὴ τις ἢ τύραννος ἢ σκηπτοῦχος ἦ,  
 ὅστις<sup>4</sup> τοιοῦτοις θυμὸν ἀγλαΐζεται.

25. Ἴδια δὲ ἵππων καὶ ἐκείνα δήπου. οἱ  
 Πέρσαι, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν αὐτοῖς οἱ ἵπποι καταπλήγες,  
 ψόφοις αὐτοῦς καὶ ἥχοις χαλκοῖς<sup>5</sup> προσεθίζουσιν,  
 καὶ κωδωνίζουσιν,<sup>6</sup> ὥς μὴ ποτε ἐν τῷ πολέμῳ  
 δεισῶσι τοὺς τῶν πανοπλιῶν ἀραγμοὺς καὶ τὸν  
 τῶν ξιφῶν πρὸς τὰς ἀσπίδας δοῦπον. εἰδωλὰ τε  
 νεκρῶν δὴ σεσαγμένα ἀχύροις ὑποβάλλουσιν αὐτοῖς,  
 ἵνα προσεθισθῶσι νεκροὺς ἐν τῷ πολέμῳ πατεῖν,  
 καὶ μὴ δειδιότες ὥς τι ἐκπληκτικὸν εἶτα μέντοι<sup>7</sup>  
 ἐν τοῖς ἔργοις τοῖς ὀπλητικοῖς ἀχρεῖοι ὦσιν. οὐκ  
 ἐλελήθει δὲ Ὅμηρον οὐδὲ τοῦτο, ὥς αὐτὸς<sup>8</sup>  
 δείκνυσιν. ὅτι γοῦν ἀηγρήθη μὲν ὁ Θρᾷξ Ῥῆσος,  
 σὺν αὐτῷ δὲ καὶ οἱ ἐταῖροι, ἀκούομεν<sup>9</sup> ἐν Ἰλιάδι  
 ἐκ παίδων· ἃ δὲ ἀκούομεν, ταῦτά ἐστιν. ἀποσφάτ-  
 τει μὲν ὁ τοῦ Τυδέως τοὺς Θρᾷκας, ὁ δὲ τοῦ

<sup>1</sup> Mein: ἀβρὰ χαϊτέεσσ'.

<sup>3</sup> Bergk: αἰεῖ.

<sup>2</sup> Stobaeus: ἄτην.

<sup>4</sup> ὅς τοῖς H.

' But another is born of a dainty, long-maned  
 mare: she turns away from servile tasks and  
 drudgery; she will never touch a mill or pick up a  
 sieve or cast muck out of the house, nor, since she  
 would escape the soot, will she sit by the oven.  
 Only by constraint does she take a man to her  
 bosom. And every day she washes off the dirt  
 twice, sometimes thrice, and anoints herself with  
 perfumes. And always she wears her deep tresses  
 combed and shaded with flowers. Such a woman  
 is fair to look upon—for others, but to her husband,  
 a plague, unless he be a despot or sceptred lord  
 who delights his heart with such gauds.'

25. Here, I think, are further characteristics of <sup>The Horse</sup> trained for battle  
 Horses. In order that their Horses may not panic,  
 the Persians accustom them to noises and the clang  
 of bronze, and sound them so that in war they may  
 never be afraid of the rattle of full armour and the  
 clash of swords upon shields. And they throw  
 dummy corpses stuffed with straw beneath their  
 feet in order that they may get used to trampling  
 on corpses in war and may not through terror at  
 some unnerving occurrence be useless in encounter-  
 ing men-at-arms. Nor did this escape the notice  
 of Homer, as he himself shows. At any rate we  
 learn in our childhood from the *Iliad* [10. 486] how  
 the Thracian Rhesus and his companions with him  
 were slain. This is the story we learn. The son  
 of Tydeus<sup>a</sup> slaughters the Thracians, while the son

<sup>a</sup> Diomedes.

<sup>5</sup> χαλκοῦ Reiske.

<sup>6</sup> Schn: κωδωνοῦσιν.

<sup>7</sup> μέντοι δυσωπούμενοι.

<sup>8</sup> Ges: αὐτά.

<sup>9</sup> Jac: οὐς ἀκούομεν.

Λαέρτου τοὺς ἀνῆρημένους ὑπάγει τῶν ποδῶν, ἵνα μὴ ποτε ἄρα νηλυδὲς ὄντες οἱ Θρᾶκες ἵπποι εἴτα μέντοι ἐκπλήττωνται <sup>1</sup> τοῖς νεκροῖς ἐμπαλασσόμενοι, <sup>2</sup> καὶ ἀήθως κατ' αὐτῶν ὥς τινῶν φοβερῶν βαίνοντες ἀποσκιρτῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἅπασ' μαθόντες, οὐκ ἂν αὐτοὺς λάβοι τοῦ μαθήματος λήθη· οὕτως εἰσὶν ἀγαθοὶ μαθεῖν ὅτιοῦν τῶν λυσιτελῶν οἱ ἵπποι. φιλεῖν δὲ οἰοί ποτέ εἰσι καὶ ἐς ὅσον, ἔμοι μὲν ἐῖρηται ἐν λόγοις τοῖς ἄνω.

26. Ἐν τοῖς κρυμώδεσι τόποις τὰ πρόβατα τῆς χιόνος ἐπιρρεούσης καὶ τοῦ κρύους ἐνακμάζοντος ἀχολά ἐστι (καθειργμένα δὲ ἄρα καὶ τοῦ χιλοῦ τοῦ νέου μὴ μεταλαμβάνοντα εἴτα μέντοι τοιαῦτα εὐρίσκεται), ὑπαρχομένου δὲ τοῦ ἥρος προϊόντα. <sup>3</sup> ἐπὶ τὰς νομάς τῆς χολῆς ὑποπίμπλαται. τοῦτο δὲ ἄρα ἔτι καὶ μᾶλλον φιλεῖ παρακολουθεῖν τοῖς Σκυθικοῖς προβάτοις φασίν.

27. Ἀγαθαρχίδης φησὶν εἶναι γένος ἐν τῇ Λιβύῃ τινῶν ἀνθρώπων, καὶ μέντοι καὶ καλεῖσθαι αὐτοὺς Ψύλλους. καὶ ὅσα μὲν κατὰ τὸν ἄλλον βίον τῶν λοιπῶν ἀνθρώπων διαφέρειν <sup>4</sup> οὐδὲ ἐν, τὸ δὲ σῶμα ἔχειν ξένον τε καὶ παράδοξον ὥς πρὸς τοὺς ἑτεροφύλους ἀντικρινόμενον· τὰ γάρ τοι ζῶα τὰ δακετὰ καὶ τὰ ἐγχρίμπτοντα <sup>5</sup> πᾶμπολλα ὄντα μηδὲν αὐτοὺς μόνους ἀδικεῖν. οὔτε γοῶν ὀφews δακόντος ἐπαῖουσιν οὔτε φαλαγγίου νύξαντος τοὺς ἄλλους <sup>6</sup> ἐς θάνατον οὔτε μὴν σκορπίου <τὸ> <sup>7</sup> κέντρον ἀπερείσαντος. ἐπὶ δὲ ἄρα τούτων προσ-

<sup>1</sup> Ges: ἐκπλήττονται.

<sup>2</sup> Jac: καὶ προϊόντα.

<sup>3</sup> ἐμπαττ- and ἐμπαλαττ-.

<sup>4</sup> Ges: διαφέρει.

of Laertes <sup>a</sup> draws the slain men away by the feet for fear lest the Thracian horses, being newcomers, get entangled among the dead bodies and panic, and through being unused to them may leap aside as though they were treading upon some terrifying objects. But once Horses have learnt a thing, they will not forget what they have learnt, so clever are they at learning whatever is of any advantage. I have spoken earlier on <sup>b</sup> of their capacity for affection and how far they will feel it.

26. In frosty regions when the snow falls and the cold is at its worst the Sheep have no gall (they are found to be in this condition when penned up and unable to get fresh fodder), but at the beginning of spring they go out to the pastures and become filled with gall. And this, they say, is a constant occurrence especially in the Sheep of Scythia.

Sheep in cold weather

27. Agatharcides asserts that there is in Libya a certain race of men who are called Psylli. So far as their general way of life is concerned they differ not a whit from other men, except that, compared with men of other nations, their bodies have an unusual and marvellous quality: they alone are uninjured by the numerous creatures that bite or strike. At any rate they do not feel either the bite of a snake or the prick of a spider which is fatal to others, or even the sting planted by a scorpion, and whenever one of these creatures comes near and

<sup>a</sup> Odysseus.

<sup>b</sup> See 6. 44.

<sup>5</sup> ἐγχρίπτοντα.

<sup>7</sup> <τὸ> add. H.

<sup>6</sup> ὥς τοὺς ἄ.

πελάση τι καὶ παραψαύση τοῦ σώματος καὶ ἅμα καὶ τῆς ὁσμῆς τῆς ἐκεῖνων σπάση,<sup>1</sup> ὥσπερ ὁδὴν φαρμάκου γευσάμενον<sup>2</sup> κάρωσιν τινα ἐλκτικὴν ἐς ἀναισθησίαν ἐμποιοῦντος, ἐξασθενεῖ καὶ παρείται, ἔστ' ἂν παραδράμῃ ὁ ἄνθρωπος. ὅπως δὲ ἐλέγχουσι τὰ ἑαυτῶν βρέφη εἴτε ἐστὶ γνήσια εἴτε καὶ νόθα, ἐν τοῖς ἑρπετοῖς βασανίζοντες ὡς ἐν τῷ πυρὶ τὸν χρυσὸν οἱ βάνησοι,<sup>3</sup> ἀνωτέρω εἶπον.

28. Καλλίας ἐν τῷ δεκάτῳ τῶν περὶ τὸν Συρακόσιον Ἀγαθοκλέα λόγων φησὶ τοὺς κεράστας ὄφεις δεινούς εἶναι τὸ δῆγμα· ἀναιρεῖν γὰρ καὶ ζῶα ἄλογα καὶ ἀνθρώπους, εἰ μὴ παρείῃ Λίβυς ἀνήρ, Ψύλλος ὢν τὸ γένος. οὗτος γοῦν ἐάν τε κλητὸς ἀφίκηται ἐάν τε καὶ παρῇ κατὰ τύχην καὶ θεάσῃται πρῶως ἔτι ἀλγούντα, τῇ πληγῇ<sup>4</sup> μόνον προσπύσας εἰτα μέντοι τὴν ὀδύνην ἐπράννε, καὶ κατεγοήτευσε τὸ δεινὸν τῷ σιάλῳ. ἐὰν δὲ εὖρρη δυσανασχετοῦντα καὶ ἀτλήτως φέροντα, ὕδωρ ἄθροον σπᾶσας ἔσω τῶν ὀδόντων καὶ χρησάμενος αὐτῷ τοῦ στόματος κλύσματι, εἰτα τοῦτο ἐς κύλικα ἐμβαλὼν δίδωσι ροφήσαι τῷ τρωθέντι. ἐὰν δὲ περαιτέρω καὶ τοῦδε τοῦ φαρμάκου κατ-ισχύῃ τὸ κακόν, ὁ δὲ τῷ νοσοῦντι παρακλίνεταιαι γυμνῷ γυμνός, καὶ τοῦ χρωτός οἱ τοῦ ἰδίου προσανατρίψας τὴν ἰσχὴν τὴν συμφνῇ, εἰτα μέντοι τοῦ κακοῦ πεποίηκε τὸν ἄνθρωπον ἐξάντη.<sup>5</sup> ἀποχρῶν δὲ ἄρα ὑπὲρ τούτου εἴη ἂν μάρτυς καὶ Νικάνδρος ὁ Κολοφώνιος λέγων

<sup>1</sup> Јас : ψαύση ἢ σπάση.

<sup>2</sup> γευσάμενον ὑπονοιοῦ.

<sup>3</sup> βάνησοι χρυσουργοί.

touches a Psyllian and inhales the odour from him, it is as though it had tasted some drug that brings on a drowsiness inducing insensibility, for it becomes quite weak and relaxed until the man has passed by. And their manner of proving that their children are either their own or bastards by testing them among reptiles, just as artizans test gold in the fire, I have described earlier on.<sup>4</sup>

28. Callias in the tenth book of his *History of Agathocles of Syracuse* says that the Cerastes inflicts a terrible bite, for it kills dumb animals and human beings unless a Libyan belonging to the race of Psylli happens to be at hand. At any rate if a Psyllian comes in answer to a summons or is present by chance and sees that the victim is still only in slight pain, by simply spitting on the wound he alleviates the pain and conjures away the poison by his spittle. If however he finds the man in a sore plight and in intolerable suffering, he takes a large mouthful of water behind his teeth, and this same water with which he has rinsed his mouth he pours into a cup and gives to the stricken man to swallow. But if the poison is too strong even for this medicine, the Psyllian lies down naked beside the sick man also naked, and applying to him by friction the innate power of his own skin, renders the man free of the poison. And Nicander of Colophon should be sufficient witness to this when he says [*fr.* 32]

<sup>4</sup> See 1. 57.

<sup>4</sup> τὴν πληγὴν ἢ τὸ δῆγμα.

<sup>5</sup> ἐξάντην.



ἔκλουν ὡς Λιβύης<sup>1</sup> Ψύλλων γένος οὔτε τι θηρῶν  
αὐτοὶ κάμνουσιν μυδαλέρησι<sup>2</sup> τυπαῖς,  
οὗς Σύρτις βοσκέει θηοτρόφος,<sup>3</sup> εὖ δὲ καὶ ἄλλοις  
ἀνδράσιν ἤμυναν τύμμασιν ἀχθομένοις,  
οὐ ρίζαις ἔρδοντες,<sup>4</sup> ἐὼν δ' ἀπὸ σύγχροα γυίων  
καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ τούτοις.

29. Ἐμπεδοκλῆς ὁ φυσικός φησι, περὶ ζώων  
ιδιότητος λέγων καὶ ἐκείνος δήπου, γίνεσθαι τινα  
συμφυῆ καὶ κράσει μορφῆς μὲν διάφορα, ἐνώσει δὲ  
σώματος συμπλακέντα. ἃ δὲ λέγει, ταῦτά ἐστι·

πολλὰ μὲν ἀμφιπρόσωπα καὶ ἀμφίστερνα φύεσθαι,  
βουγενῇ ἀνδρόπρωρα, τὰ δ' ἔμπαλιν ἐξανατέλλειν  
ἀνδροφυῇ βούκρανα μεμιγμένα τῇ μὲν ἀπ' ἀν-  
δρῶν,  
τῇ δὲ γυναικοφυῇ σκιεροῖς<sup>5</sup> ἡσκημένα γυίοις.

30. Ἐν Λυκίᾳ λέγει Καλλισθένης ὁ Ὀλύνθιος  
κείρεσθαι καὶ τὰς αἰγας ὥσπερ οὖν πανταχῇ τὰ  
πρόβατα· γίνεσθαι γὰρ δασυτάτας καὶ εὐτρίχας  
δευῶς,<sup>6</sup> ὡς εἰπεῖν βοστρύχους ἢ τινας ἑλικας  
κόμης ἐξηρτησθαι αὐτῶν, καὶ μέντοι καὶ τοὺς  
τέχνιτας τῆς τῶν νεῶν ἐργασίας καταχρησθαι  
αὐταῖς τὰς σείρας συμπλέκοντας.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bergk: Λίβυες.

<sup>2</sup> OSchn: μυδαλαίαι.

<sup>3</sup> θηροτρόφος A; H (1858).

<sup>4</sup> ρίζας ἔρδοντες H.

<sup>5</sup> θιμβροῖς H, στείροις or σκιροῖς Diels.

<sup>6</sup> δευῶς τὰς αἰγας.

<sup>7</sup> συμπλέκοντας ὡς καὶ τοὺς κάλως ἄλλοι.

'I have heard how the race of Psylli in Libya  
suffer not at all from the festering wounds in-  
flicted by the creatures that are nurtured by  
Syrtis, mother of sands, and well-skilled are they to  
succour others also when afflicted by their blows;  
not working with similes, but from their own  
limbs, skin touching skin—

and so on.

29. Empedocles, the natural philosopher, who of  
course also speaks about the characteristics of  
animals, says that there are some creatures of com-  
posite nature, differing in so far as they are two  
forms combined, but conjoined in a single body.  
These are his words: <sup>Different  
natures  
combined</sup>

'Many creatures are begotten with two faces  
and two breasts: some born of a cow have the  
fore-parts of a man; others on the contrary  
spring up begotten of a man but with the head of  
a cow; others again mingle the limbs of a man  
with those of a woman, being endowed with parts  
veiled in shadow.'

30. Callisthenes of Olynthus asserts that in Lycia  
the Goats are shorn just as sheep are everywhere  
else, for they have such wonderfully thick, fine  
fleeces that one might say that their hair hung down  
in curls or ringlets. Moreover those who make  
tackle for ships use them for weaving ropes. <sup>The Goats  
of Lycia</sup>

<sup>a</sup> The lines are from his poem *Περὶ Φύσεως*, fr. 61, Diels  
*Vorsok.*<sup>6</sup> 1. 334.

<sup>b</sup> σκιεροῖς: both text and interpretation are uncertain.

31. Λέγει δὲ ἄρα Κτησίας ἐν λόγοις Ἰνδικοῖς τοὺς καλουμένους Κυναμολγοὺς τρέφειν κύνας πολλοὺς κατὰ τοὺς Ὑρκανοὺς τὸ μέγεθος, καὶ εἶναι γε ἰσχυρῶς κυνοτρόφους. καὶ τὰς αἰτίας ὁ Κνίδιος ἐκείνας λέγει. ἀπὸ τῶν θερινῶν τροπῶν ἐς μεσοῦντα χειμῶνα ἐπιφοιτῶσιν αὐτοῖς ἀγέλαι βοῶν, οἵονεϊ μελιττῶν σμήνος ἢ σφήκιὰ κεκινημένη, πλῆθος ἀριθμοῦ κρείττους οἱ βόες· εἰσὶ δὲ ἄγριοι καὶ ὕβρισται, καὶ ἐς κέρως θυμοῦνται δεινῶς. οὐκ οὖν ἔχοντες αὐτοὺς ἀναστέλλειν ἑτέρως οἶδε τοὺς τροφίμους αὐτῶν κύνας ἐπ' αὐτοὺς ἀφιάσιν ἐς τοῦτο ἀεὶ τρεφομένους, ὥστε οὖν καταγωνίζονται τε καὶ διαφθείρουσιν αὐτοὺς ῥᾶστα. εἴτα τῶν κρεῶν τὰ μὲν δοκοῦντά σφισιν ἐς ἐδωδὴν ἐπιτήδεια ἐξαιροῦσι, τὰ δὲ λοιπὰ τοῖς κυσὶν ἀποκρίνουσι, καὶ μάλα γε ἀσμένως κοινωνοῦντες αὐτοῖς, ὥστε οὖν εὐεργέταις ἀπαρχόμενοι. κατὰ τὴν ὥραν δὲ καθ' ἣν οὐκέτι φοιτῶσιν οἱ βόες, συνθήρους αὐτοὺς ἐπὶ τοῖς ζώοις τοῖς ἄλλοις ἔχουσι. καὶ τῶν θηλειῶν ἀμέλγουσι τὸ γάλα, καὶ ἐκ τούτου κέκληνται· πίνουσι γὰρ αὐτό, ὥστε οὖν ἡμεῖς τὸ τῶν οἰῶν τε καὶ τῶν αἰγῶν.

32. Αἰσχυλίδης ἐν τοῖς περὶ γεωργίας κατὰ τὴν Κέων<sup>1</sup> γῆν πρόβατα γίνεσθαι ὀλίγα ἐκάστω τῶν γεωργῶν φησι. τὸ δὲ αἴτιον, λεπτόγεῶν τε εἶναι τὴν Κέω<sup>2</sup> ἰσχυρῶς καὶ νομὰς οὐκ ἔχειν· κύτισον δὲ καὶ θρία ἐμβάλλειν, καὶ τῆς ἐλαίας τὰ ῥεύσαντα φύλλα, καὶ μέντοι καὶ ὀσπρίων<sup>3</sup> ἄχυρα ποικίλων,

<sup>1</sup> Κέων.<sup>2</sup> Κέων.<sup>3</sup> τῶν ὀσπρίων.

31. Ctesias in his account of India asserts that the people called *Cynamolgi*<sup>a</sup> (dog-milkers) keep a great number of hounds as large as those of Hyrcania, and, in particular, that they are keen dog-breeders. The Cnidian writer gives the reasons as follows. From the summer solstice up to mid-winter herds of cattle come roaming; like a swarm of bees or a wasps' nest that has been disturbed these cattle are past numbering. And they are wild and aggressive and vent their fury with their horns in a terrible fashion. Being unable to check them by any other means the Cynamolgi let loose their hounds, which they always breed for this purpose, upon them, and the hounds overcome and destroy them without any difficulty. Thereupon the men select such portions of the flesh as they consider suitable for eating, the residue they set aside for the hounds and are glad indeed to give them a share, an offering as it were to benefactors. And during the season when these cattle are no longer on the move the Cynamolgi have the hounds to help them in their pursuit of other beasts. The bitches they milk; hence their name, for they drink hounds' milk just as we drink that of sheep and goats.

The  
Cynamolgi  
and their  
Dogs

32. In his work on agriculture Aeschylides<sup>b</sup> says that in Ceos each of the farmers owns but few sheep, the reason being that the soil of Ceos is exceedingly poor and has no pasture-land. So they throw tree-medick and fig-leaves and the fallen leaves of the olive to the flocks, also the husks of various kinds of

The Sheep  
of Ceos

<sup>a</sup> A tribe in Ethiopia.<sup>b</sup> All that is known of him is that his work was in at least three books; see Athen. 14. 650 D.

παρασπείρειν δὲ καὶ ἀκάνθας, καὶ ἐκείνοις ἀγαθὸν εἶναι ταῦτα δείπνον.<sup>1</sup> γίνεσθαι δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν γάλα, καὶ τοῦτο τρεφόμενον τυρὸν ἐργάζεσθαι κάλλιστον· καλεῖσθαι δὲ αὐτὸν Κύθνιον<sup>2</sup> ὁ αὐτὸς λέγει, καὶ μέντοι καὶ τὸ τάλαντον αὐτοῦ πιπράσκεσθαι δραχμῶν καὶ ἐνεηκόντα. γίνεσθαι δὲ καὶ ἄρνας τὴν ὥραν διαπρεπείς, καὶ πιπράσκεσθαι οὐ κατὰ τοὺς ἐτέρους, ἀλλὰ καὶ σοβαρωτέρῃ τῇ τιμῇ.

33. Φοίνικες λέγουσι λόγοι τὰς βοῦς τὰς ἐπιχωρίους τοσαύτας εἶναι τὸ μέγεθος, ὥς ἐστάναι τοὺς ἀμέλγοντας ὄντας μεγίστους· ἢ δεῖσθαι θρανίου, ἵνα ἀναβάντες ἐφίκωνται τῶν μαζῶν. Λιβύων δὲ ἄρα τῶν γειτνιώντων Ἰνδοῖς ὀπισθονόμων βοῶν ἀγέλας εἶναι τινας ἀκούω. τὸ δὲ αἴτιον, ἡ φύσις ὥς ἐξήμαρτε τὸ πρῶτον ἢ ὀλιγώρησεν, ἐπεὶ πρὸ τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτοῖς ἐστὶ τὰ κέρατα, καὶ ὁρᾶν οὐκ ἔα τὰ πρὸ ποδῶν, ἡ δὲ ἐς οὐρανὸν ἐπανάγει τὴν βάδισιν αὐτοῖς, εἴτα ἐπικύπτοντες κείρουσι τὴν πόαν. Ἀριστοτέλης γε μὴν φησι τῶν βοῶν τῶν ἐν Νευροῖς<sup>3</sup> ἐκπεφυκέναι τὰ κέρατα καὶ τὰ ὦτα ἐκφυσιν τὴν αὐτὴν, καὶ εἶναι συννυφασμένα. ὁ δὲ αὐτὸς ἐν χώρῳ τινὶ Λιβύων τὰς αἰγας τοῦ στήθους φησὶ τοὺς μαζοὺς ἔχειν ἀπηρτημένους. εἷη δ' αὖ τοῦ παιδὸς τοῦ Νικομάχου καὶ ταῦτα· ἐν τοῖς

<sup>1</sup> ποικίλων . . . δείπνον] ποικίλα τε καὶ ποικίλῳ ἐκείνοις ἀγαθὰ εἶναι τ. δ. παρασπείρειν δὲ καὶ ἀκάνθας.

<sup>2</sup> Bochart: Κύθνιον.

<sup>3</sup> Rose: Λεύκτροις.

<sup>a</sup> That is, £3 7s. 6d. for 74 lb. avoirdupois, the drachma being reckoned at 9d.

pulse, and they even sow thistles among their crops, all of which afford excellent feeding for the sheep. And from them they obtain milk which when curdled produces the finest cheese. And the same writer says that it is called *Cythnian* and that it is sold at the rate of ninety drachmas a talent.<sup>a</sup> And lambs also are produced that are of remarkable beauty and are sold not at the price of ordinary lambs but for a far more impressive figure.

33. Phoenician histories state that the Cows of The Cattle and Sheep of various countries that country are so tall that the milkers for all their great height have to stand or else need a stool to enable them to reach the teats. And among the Libyans who border upon India I learn that there are herds of cattle that graze moving backwards, the reason being that Nature made an initial blunder or failed to pay attention, because their horns grow in front of their eyes and prevent them from seeing what lies immediately ahead, and so she obliges them to move backwards, and they lower their heads and crop the grass. Again, Aristotle says<sup>b</sup> that among the Neuri<sup>c</sup> the horns and ears of the cattle spring from the same source and are knit together. And the same writer says that in a certain place in Libya the goats have their teats attached to the chest. Let me add the following statement also from the son of Nicomachus: he says that among the Budini who live on the banks of

<sup>b</sup> Not in any extant work; the nearest approach to these two statements is to be found (for the cattle) in *HA* 517 a 28 and (for the goats) 500 a 15. See *fr.* 313, 314 (Rose p. 331).

<sup>c</sup> A Slav. people who in the 6th cent. B.C. settled in the region about modern Kiev.

περὶ τὸν Καρίσκον Βουδίνοις <sup>1</sup> οἰκοῦσιν οὐ γίνεσθαι  
φησι πρόβατον λευκόν, ἀλλὰ μέλανα πάντα.

34. Νυμφόδωρος λέγει τὴν Σαρδῶ εἶναι θρεμ-  
μάτων μητέρα ἀγαθὴν. θαυμάσαι δὲ ἄξιον τίκτει  
ζῶον τὰς αἰγας αὐτῇ. τὰς γὰρ τοὶ δορὰς τοὺς  
ἐπιχωρίους <sup>2</sup> ἡσθήσθαι, καὶ εἶναι ταῦτα σκέπη·  
καὶ διὰ χειμῶνος μὲν ἀλεαίνειν, ψύχειν δὲ ἐν τῷ  
θέρει φύσει τινὶ ἀπορρήτῳ· συμπεφυκέναι δὲ ἄρα  
ταῖς δοραῖς καὶ πῆχυν τὴν τρίχα. τοῦ φορήματος  
δὲ <sup>3</sup> τοῦτον ἔοικε χρήναι διὰ μὲν τοῦ κρυμοῦ τὰς  
τρίχας ἐς τὸν χρῶτα ἐπιστρέφειν <sup>4</sup> διὰ δὲ τοῦ  
θέρους ἔξω, εἰ μέλλοι ὁ ἡσθημένος διὰ μὲν τοῦ  
κρυμοῦ θάλπεσθαι, διὰ δὲ τοῦ θέρους μὴ ἀποπνί-  
γεσθαι.

35. Τί δαί; Ὁρθαγόραν μνήμης ἄμοιρον ἔασο-  
μεν; ὅσπερ οὖν ἐν Ἰνδοῖς λόγοις φησὶ Κῶυθα μὲν  
οὕτως εἶναι κώμην τὸ ὄνομα λαβοῦσαν, <sup>5</sup> ταῖς δὲ  
αἰξὶ ταῖς ἐπιχωρίοις ἔνδον ἐν τοῖς σηκοῖς παραβάλ-  
λιν τοὺς νομέας ἰχθύς ξηροὺς χιλόν.

36. Ὅτι δέδοικεν ὃν ἐλέφας ἀνωτέρω εἶπον· τὸ  
δὲ ἐν Μεγάροις γεγόμενον Μεγαρέων ὑπ' Ἀντι-  
γόνου <sup>6</sup> πολιορκουμένων ἐθέλω εἰπεῖν, καὶ μέντοι  
<καὶ> <sup>7</sup> τὸ εἰρησόμενον τοῦτό ἐστι. τῶν Μακε-  
δόνων βιαίως ἐγκειμένων, ὅς πίττη χρίσαντες  
ὕγρᾳ <sup>8</sup> καὶ ὑποπρήσαντες αὐτὰς ἀφήκαν ἐς τοὺς

<sup>1</sup> LDindorf: Βουδιανούς.

<sup>2</sup> δὲ ἄρα.

<sup>3</sup> τὸδε ὄνομα λαχοῦσαν.

<sup>7</sup> <καί> add. H.

<sup>2</sup> Schn: τοῖς ἐπιχωρίοις.

<sup>4</sup> ἀποστρέφειν.

<sup>6</sup> Ed.: Ἀντιπάτρου MSS, edd.

<sup>8</sup> Ges: ψυχρᾶ.

the Cariscus <sup>a</sup> a white sheep does not occur, they  
are all black.

34. Nymphodorus says that Sardinia is an ex-  
cellent mother of flocks. The Goats which she The Goats  
of Sardinia  
nourishes are animals deserving admiration, for the  
natives clothe themselves in their skins and these  
afford them protection; and in the winter the skins  
keep them warm, and in the summer by some  
mysterious natural property keep them cool. The  
hair on the hides actually grows to the length of a  
cubit. And it seems that during frosty weather  
the wearer must turn the hairs of this garment in-  
wards to the skin, but in summer outwards, if he  
wants to keep warm during the frost and not to be  
suffocated in the summer.

35. What? Are we to leave the name of Ortha- Fish as food  
for Goats  
goras without a mention? He says in his account  
of India that there is a village which has been given  
the name of Coÿtha, and that the herdsmen give  
dried fish as fodder to the goats of that country  
when in their pens.

36. I have stated earlier on <sup>b</sup> that the Elephant Elephants  
routed by  
Pigs  
dreads a pig; I now wish to tell what happened at  
Megara when the Megarians were besieged by  
Antigonos, <sup>c</sup> and the story I have to tell is as follows.  
When the Macedonians were pressing them hard,  
they smeared some pigs with liquid pitch, set a light

<sup>a</sup> Unidentified.

<sup>b</sup> See 1. 38; 8. 28.

<sup>c</sup> It was Antigonos (not Antipater) who besieged and took  
Megara; see 11. 14. The story of the pigs is given by  
Polyaenus; 4. 5. 3.

πολεμίους. ἐμπεσοῦσαι δὲ ἄρα ἐκείναι οἰστρομέ-  
ναι ταῖς τῶν ἐλεφάντων ἱλαῖς καὶ βοᾶσαι, ἅτε  
ἐμπιπράμεναι, ἐξέμαινον τοὺς θήρας καὶ ἐτάραττον  
δεινῶς. οὔτε οὖν<sup>1</sup> ἔμενον ἐν τάξει, οὔτε ἦσαν  
ἐτι πρᾶοι, καίτοι καὶ ἐκ νηπίων πεπωλεμένοι,  
εἴτε φύσει τινὶ οἱ ἐλέφαντες ἰδίᾳ μισοῦντες τὰς ὕς  
καὶ μυσαττόμενοι, εἴτε καὶ τῆς φωνῆς αὐτῶν τὸ  
ὀξύ καὶ ἀπηχῆς πεφρικότες ἐκείνοι. συνιδόντες<sup>2</sup>  
οὖν ἐκ τούτου<sup>3</sup> οἱ πωλοτρόφοι τῶν ἐλεφάντων ὕς  
παρατρέφουσιν αὐτοῖς, ὥς φασιν, ἵνα γε ἐκ τῆς  
συνηθείας ἦττον ὀρρωδῶσιν αὐτάς.

37. Παρά γε τοῖς Ψύλλοις καλουμένοις τῶν  
Ἰνδῶν (εἰσὶ γὰρ καὶ Λιβύων ἔτεροι)<sup>4</sup> <οἱ><sup>5</sup>  
ἵπποι γίνονται τῶν κριῶν οὐ μείζους, καὶ τὰ  
πρόβατα ἰδεῖν μικρὰ κατὰ τοὺς ἄρνας, καὶ οἱ ὄνοι  
δὲ τοσοῦτοὶ γίνονται τὸ μέγεθος καὶ οἱ ἡμίονοι  
καὶ οἱ βοῦς καὶ πᾶν κτήνος ἕτερον ὀτιοῦν. ὃν δὲ  
ἐν Ἰνδοῖς οὐ φασὶ γίνεσθαι οὔτε ἡμερον οὔτε  
ἄγριον· μυσαττόνται δὲ καὶ ἐσθίειν τοῦδε τοῦ  
ζώου Ἰνδοί, καὶ οὐκ ἂν γεύσαιντό ποτε ὑείων,  
ὥσπερ οὖν οὐδὲ ἀνθρωπείων οἱ αὐτοί.

38. Ἐν Μητροπόλει ἀκούω τῇ Ἐφεσίᾳ λίμνην  
εἶναι καὶ πρὸς αὐτῇ σπήλαιον· ἔχει δὲ ἄρα τὸ  
ἀντρον ὄφειων πλήθος ἄμαχον, καὶ εἶναι τούτους  
μεγίστους· φασὶ καὶ δεινοὺς τὸ δῆγμα. προΐεναι  
μὲν οὖν αὐτοὺς τοῦ ἀντροῦ λόγος ἔχει, ὅσον ἐς  
τὴν λίμνην ἐξερπύσαι τὴν παρακειμένην καὶ

to them, and let them loose against the enemy.  
Goaded with pain and shrieking because of their  
burns, the pigs fell upon the troops of Elephants,  
driving them mad and throwing them into terrible  
confusion. So the Elephants broke ranks and were  
no longer tractable in spite of having been trained  
since they were small, either because Elephants by  
some instinct hate and loathe pigs, or because they  
dread the shrill and discordant sound of their voices.  
In consequence those who train young Elephants,  
being aware of this, keep pigs along with them, so  
it is said, in order that through herding together  
the Elephants may get to fear them less.

37. Among the people called Psylli in India (there  
are other Psylli in Libya also) the Horses are no  
bigger than rams, the Sheep look as small as lambs,  
while the Asses, Mules, Cattle, and domestic animals  
of every kind are proportionately small. They  
say that neither the domestic nor the wild Pig  
exists in India, and the Indians revolt at the idea of  
eating this animal: they would no more eat pork  
than they would human flesh.

The Psylli  
of India and  
their horses,  
etc.

38. I have heard that in Metropolis<sup>a</sup> near Ephesus  
there is a lake and near to it a cavern. Now this  
cave contains a host of Snakes past numbering, and  
they say that their size is enormous and their bite  
terrible. The story goes that they emerge from  
the cave, crawl out as far as the lake near by, and

Snakes and  
Crabs at  
Metropolis

<sup>a</sup> Metropolis lay on the road between Ephesus and Smyrna  
somewhat nearer to the former.

<sup>1</sup> γούν.  
<sup>3</sup> τούτων.

<sup>2</sup> συνειδόντες.

<sup>4</sup> (εἰσὶ . . . ἔτεροι) glosses; H.

<sup>5</sup> <οἱ> add. H.

νήχεσθαι, πειρωμένους δὲ περαιτέρω τοῦ ὕδατος προελθεῖν οὐ δύνασθαι· μέλλοντας γὰρ ἐπιβαίνειν τῆς γῆς ἔλλοχᾶν καρκίνους μεγάλους, οἵπερ οὖν ἀνατείναντες τὰς χηλὰς συλλαμβάνουσιν ἐς πνίγμα αὐτοὺς καὶ ἀναιροῦσι. δεδοικότες οὖν οἱ ὄφεις τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ἡσυχάζουσι, καὶ ἐς τὴν γῆν αὐτοῖς ἄβατά ἐστι· πεφρίκασι γὰρ τὴν ἐκ τῶν καρκίνων φρουρὰν καὶ κόλασιν. καὶ<sup>1</sup> πάντως ἂν ἀπολώλεσαν<sup>2</sup> οἱ περὶ τὸν χῶρον ἐκ πολλοῦ, εἰ μὴ φύσει τινὶ ἀπορρήτῳ περιελιγότες οἱ προειρημένοι καρκίνοι τῆς λίμνης τὰ χεῖλη καὶ ἀπείργοντες<sup>3</sup> εἶτα εἰρηναῖα ἀπέφαινον τὰ ἐν τῷ τόπῳ πάντα.

39. Ὀνησίκριτος ὁ Ἀστυπалаεὺς λέγει ἐν Ἰνδοῖς κατὰ τὴν Ἀλεξάνδρου τοῦ παιδὸς<sup>4</sup> Φιλίππου <ἀνάβασιν><sup>5</sup> γενέσθαι δράκοντας δύο, οὓς Ἀβισάρης<sup>6</sup> ὁ Ἰνδὸς ἔτρεφεν, ὧν ὁ μὲν ἦν πήχεων τετταράκοντα καὶ ἑκατόν, ὁ δὲ ὀγδοήκοντα· καὶ φησι ἐπιθυμῆσαι δευνῶς Ἀλέξανδρον θεάσασθαι αὐτούς. λέγουσι δὲ Αἰγύπτιοι<sup>7</sup> λόγοι καὶ ἐπὶ τοῦ Φιλαδέλφου ἐξ Αἰθιοπίας ἐς τὴν Ἀλεξάνδρου πόλιν κομισθῆναι δράκοντας δύο ζῶντας, καὶ τὸν μὲν αὐτῶν <εἶναι><sup>8</sup> πήχεων δεκατεττάρων<sup>9</sup> τὸν δὲ δεκατριῶν· ἐπὶ γε μὴν τοῦ Εὐεργέτου τρεῖς κομισθῆναι, καὶ τὸν μὲν εἶναι πήχεων ἑννέα, τὸν δὲ ἑπτὰ, τὸν δὲ τρίτον ἐνὶ ἀπολείπεσθαι· καὶ τρέφεσθαι γε ἐν Ἀσκληπιοῦ σὺν πολλῇ τῇ κομιδῇ αὐτοὺς Αἰγύπτιοί φασι. καὶ ἀσπίδας δὲ τετραπῆ-

<sup>1</sup> ἦ.<sup>2</sup> ἀπολώλασιν.<sup>3</sup> ἀνείργοντες.<sup>4</sup> παιδὸς gloss, H.<sup>5</sup> <ἀνάβασιν> add. Ges.<sup>6</sup> Reimésius: Ἀπεισάρης, Ἀποσεισάρης.

swim about, but if they try to go further afield than the water they cannot, for while they are about to pass on to the land huge Crabs lie in wait for them, and these raise their claws, seize, throttle, and kill the Snakes. And so through fear of their enemy the Snakes remain where they are, and the land for them is inaccessible, for they dread the vigilance of the Crabs and the punishment which they inflict. And the people round about would long ago have been utterly destroyed, had not the aforesaid Crabs by some mysterious instinct encircled the margin of the lake and by keeping off the Snakes had ensured that all was peace thereabouts.

39. Onesicritus of Astypalaea says that at the time of the expedition of Alexander, the son of Philip, there were in India two Snakes kept by Abisares the Indian, and that one of them measured a hundred and forty cubits, the other eighty. He says also that Alexander had a great desire to see them.

Egyptian histories relate that in the time of Ptolemy Philadelphus<sup>a</sup> there were brought from Ethiopia to Alexandria two live Snakes and that one of them was fourteen cubits long, the other thirteen; and in the time of Ptolemy Euergetes three were brought, one was nine cubits long, the second seven, and the third snake one cubit less. And the Egyptians assert that they were tended with great care in the temple of Asclepius. And the same people maintain that Asps four cubits in length frequently

<sup>a</sup> Ptolemy Philadelphus, 308-246 B.C.; P. Euergetes, 182-116 B.C.

<sup>7</sup> Αἰγυπτίων.<sup>8</sup> <εἶναι> add. H.<sup>9</sup> -τεσσάρων.

χεις γίνεσθαι πολλάκις οἱ αὐτοὶ λέγουσι. μνήμην δὲ ἄρα τούτων ἐποιησάμην, τὸ ἴδιον τῶν ζώων ἐπεξελθὼν καὶ ἐς ὅσον πέφυκε μῆκος προΐεναι δείξαι βουληθεῖς. λέγουσιν οὖν <sup>1</sup> καὶ οἱ τὰς ὑπὲρ τῆς Χίου συγγράψαντες ἱστορίας γενέσθαι ἐν τῇ νήσῳ παρὰ τὸ ὄρος τὸ καλούμενον Περινναῖον ἐν αὐλῶνι τινι δασεῖ καὶ δένδρων ὑψηλῶν πεπληρωμένῳ δράκοντα μεγέθει μέγιστον, ὅπερ οὖν καὶ τὸν συριγμὸν ἐπεφρίκεσαν οἱ τὴν Χίον κατοικοῦντες. οὐκοῦν οὐδὲ ἐτόλμων τινὲς ἢ τῶν γεωργούντων ἢ τῶν νεμόντων πλησίον γενόμενοι καταγνῶναι τὸ μέγεθος, ἀλλὰ ἐκ μόνης τῆς σύριγγος πελωρίον τε <sup>2</sup> καὶ ἐκπληκτικὸν τὸ θηρίον εἶναι ἐπίστευον· ἐγνώσθη δ' οὖν ὅσος ποτὲ τὸ μέγεθος ἦν δαιμονία τινὶ καὶ θαυμαστῇ μηχανῇ ναὶ μὰ Δία. σφοδρὸν γὰρ ἀνέμου καὶ σκληροῦ προσπέσόντος ἐρρίφη <sup>3</sup> πρὸς ἄλληλα τὰ ἐν τῷ αὐλῶνι δένδρα, καὶ οἱ κλάδοι βιαίως ἀραττόμενοι τίκτουσι πῦρ, καὶ αἶρεται μεγίστη φλόξ, καὶ περιλαμβάνει τὸν πάντα χώρον καὶ κυκλοῦται τὸν θῆρα· ὁ δὲ ἀποληφθεὶς καὶ ἐξερπύσαι μὴ δυνάμενος καταπίμπραται. οὐκοῦν γυμνωθέντος τοῦ τόπου γίνεται κάτοπτα πάντα· καὶ οἱ Χίοι ἐλευθερωθέντες τοῦ δέους ἦκον ἐπὶ θέαν, καὶ καταλαμβάνουσι τὰ ὁσὰ μεγέθει μέγιστα καὶ <τὴν> <sup>4</sup> κεφαλὴν ἐκπληκτικὴν, ὥς ἐκ τούτων ἔχειν συμβαλεῖν ὅσος τε ἐκεῖνος ἦν καὶ ὁποῖος ἔτι περιῶν.

40. "Οφεως ὄνομα σήψ, καὶ ἔχει θαυμάσαι ἀξίον ἐκεῖνο. τὴν χροῶν ἐκτρέπει τὴν ἑαυτοῦ, καὶ ἔοικε τοῖς τόποις καθ' οὓς ἔρχεται. ὀδόντας δὲ ἄρα

<sup>1</sup> λέγουσι γοῦν.

<sup>2</sup> π.

occur. And so I have mentioned these facts in the course of discussing animal characteristics from a wish to demonstrate the length to which by nature they attain.

Now historians of Chios also assert that in that island near the mountain named Pelinnaeus in a wooded glen filled with tall trees there was a snake of gigantic size whose very hiss made the inhabitants of Chios shudder. None of the farmers, none of the herdsmen dared to approach the spot and observe its size; but they were confident simply from its hiss that the beast was a monster to strike one with consternation. Now the discovery how large in fact it was, was due to a miraculous and truly wonderful contrivance. A furious and violent wind assailed the trees in the glen and they were hurled one against the other, and the boughs crashed together with such force that they generated flames, and a huge fire was kindled which embraced the entire region and encircled the monster. It was cut off, and being unable to creep out was burned to death. And so when the place was stripped, all lay bare to view. And the inhabitants of Chios, freed now from their dread, came to see, and discovered the bones to be of gigantic size and the head terrifying. From these they were able to guess how large and how awful the brute was while still alive.

A Snake  
in Chios

40. There is a snake called the *Sēps* and it has this remarkable quality: it changes the colour of its body so as to match the places through which it

<sup>3</sup> ἐρρίφη.

<sup>4</sup> <τὴν> add. Schn.

τέτταρας τοὺς κάτω φέρει κοίλους, ἐφ' ὧν ὑμενώδεις ἐπικεῖνται χιτῶνες, καλύπτοντες τὰ κοιλώματα. ἐκ τούτων οὖν πατάξαν τὸ θηρίον εἴτα ἀφίησι τὸν ἰόν σήπει δὲ παραχρῆμα καὶ ἀναίρει τάχιστα.

41. Μεγασθένης φησὶ κατὰ τὴν Ἰνδικὴν σκορπίους γίνεσθαι πτερωτοὺς μεγέθει μεγίστους, τὸ κέντρον δὲ ἐγχρίμπειν<sup>1</sup> τοῖς Εὐρωπαίοις παραπλησίως. γίνεσθαι δὲ καὶ ὄφεις αὐτόθι καὶ τούτους πτηνοῦς· ἐπιφοιτᾶν δὲ οὐ μεθ' ἡμέραν ἀλλὰ νύκτωρ, καὶ ἀφιέναι ἐξ αὐτῶν οὖρον, ὅπερ οὖν ἐάν κατὰ τινος ἐπιστάξῃ σώματος, σήψιν ἐργάζεται παραχρῆμα. καὶ τὰ μὲν τοῦ Μεγασθένους ταῦτα. Πολύκλειτός γε μὴν φησιν ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ γῇ σαύρους γίνεσθαι μεγίστους καὶ πολυχρόους, καὶ βαφαῖς τισιν εὐανθέσι τὰς δορὰς πεποικίλθαι δεινῶς, εἶναι δὲ καὶ ἄψασθαι ταύτας ἀπαλωτάτας. σαύρους δὲ Ἀριστοτέλης ἐν τῇ τῶν Ἀράβων γῇ τίκτεσθαι φησι, καὶ δύο πήχεις ἔχειν αὐτοὺς.

42. Παμμένης ἐν τῷ περὶ θηρίων σκορπίους λέγει γίνεσθαι πτερωτοὺς καὶ δικέντρος ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ (καὶ οὐ φησιν ἀκοὴν λέγειν), ἀλλὰ ἑαυτοῦ τήνδε τὴν ἱστορίαν ὁμολογεῖ) καὶ ὄφεις δικεφάλους, καὶ ἔχειν δύο πόδας κατὰ τὸ οὐραῖον τούτους. Κτησίας γε μὴν ὁ Κνιδίος φησι περὶ τὴν Περσικὴν Σιττάκην ποταμὸν εἶναι Ἀργάδην

<sup>1</sup> ἐγχρίμπειν.

<sup>a</sup> The fangs of the Asp are similarly described in 9. 4; cp. Nic. Th. 182-5. See W. Morel in *Philol.* 83. 361.

passés. The four fangs of its lower jaw are hollow, and membrane-like veils cover them and conceal the hollows. Directly the creature has struck, it projects its poison through these ducts,<sup>a</sup> which at once makes a festering wound and very soon causes death.

41. Megasthenes states that in India there are winged Scorpions of immense size and that they give a sting somewhat like the Scorpions of Europe. He also says that there are Snakes there with wings, and that their visitations occur not during the daytime but by night, and that they emit urine which at once produces a festering wound on any body on which it may happen to drop. This is what Megasthenes says. Further, Polycleitus says that in the same country there are Lizards of very great size and of many colours, and that their skins are wonderfully dappled with bright hues, and that they are extremely soft to the touch. And Aristotle says [*HA* 606 b 5] that there are Lizards in Arabia two cubits long.

42. Pammenes in his work *Concerning wild animals* says that in Egypt there are Scorpions with wings and a double sting (this, he says, is not mere hearsay, but professes that it is his personal observation): there are also two-headed Snakes which have two feet in the region of the tail. Further, Ctesias of Cnidus says that in the neighbourhood of Sittace<sup>b</sup> in Persia there is a river called the Argades, and that

<sup>b</sup> Sittace, town on the Tigris, at the N end of the province of Babylonia. The Argades has not been identified.



ὄνομα. ὄφεις δὲ ἄρα ἐν αὐτῷ γίνεσθαι πολλούς,  
μέλανας τὸ σῶμα πλὴν γε τῆς κεφαλῆς εἶναι δὲ  
αὐτοῖς λευκὴν ταύτην. προῖέναι δὲ ἐς ὀργυιὰν τὸ  
μήκος τοὺς ὄφεις τούδε.<sup>1</sup> καὶ μεθ' ἡμέραν μὲν  
μὴ ὁράσθαι, ὑφ' ὕδρους δὲ νήχεσθαι, νύκτωρ δὲ ἢ  
τοὺς ὑδρευομένους ἢ τοὺς τὴν ἐσθήτα φαιδρύνοντας  
διαφθεῖρειν. πολλοὺς δὲ ἄρα πάσχειν τοῦτο ἢ  
χρεῖα ὕδατος ἐπιλείποντος ἢ μεθ' ἡμέραν ἀσχολη-  
θέντας ἀποπλῦναι<sup>2</sup> τὴν ἐσθήτα μὴ δεδυννημένους.

<sup>1</sup> τούδε. τοὺς οὖν ὑπὸ τούτων δηχθέντας ἀποθνήσκειν.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ ἀποπλῦναι.

it contains a great number of Snakes whose bodies  
are entirely black except for the head, and this is  
white. There Snakes attain to as much as six feet  
in length. By day they are not visible, for they  
swim under water, but at night they kill those who  
come either to draw water or to wash their clothes.  
And the victims are numerous, either because they  
need water when their supply fails, or because they  
were busy during the day-time and unable to wash  
their clothes then.

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BOOK XVII

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1. Ἀλέξανδρος ἐν τῷ περίπλῳ τῆς Ἐρυθρᾶς θαλάττης λέγει <sup>1</sup> ὄφεις ἑορακέναι <sup>2</sup> τετταράκοντα πήχεων τὸ μήκος, <sup>3</sup> καὶ γένος καρκίνων, οἷς τὸ μὲν ὄστρακον τὴν περιφέρειαν εἶχε πανταχόθεν πόδα, χηλαί <sup>4</sup> δὲ ἡρτημέναι μέγισται προεῖχον, ἐπιβουλεύεσθαι δὲ ὑπ' οὐδενὸς αὐτοῦς. τὸ δὲ αἴτιον, ἱεροὶ λέγονται Ποσειδῶνος. καὶ ἀφιέρωνται τῷ θεῷ, οἷον ἀναθήματα εἶναι ἐκείνου ἀσυνῇ τε καὶ ἀνεπιβούλευτα οἱ καρκίνοι.

2. Κλείταρχος ἐν τῇ . . . <sup>5</sup> περὶ τὴν Ἰνδικὴν φησι γίνεσθαι ὄφεις πήχεων ἑκκαίδεκα. γίνεσθαι δὲ καὶ ἄλλο τι γένος ὄφων ὕμνει, οὐ κατὰ τοὺς ἑτέρους τὸ εἶδος· βραχυτέρους μὲν γὰρ εἶναι <sup>6</sup> πολλῶ, ποικίλους γε μὴν τὴν χροάν ὁρᾶσθαι, ὥσπερ οὖν φαρμάκοις καταγραφέντας· τοὺς μὲν γὰρ χαλκοειδεῖς ταινίας ἔχειν ἀπὸ <τῆς> <sup>7</sup> κεφαλῆς ἐς τὴν οὐρὰν καθερπούσας, τοὺς δὲ ἀργύρῳ <sup>8</sup> προσεικασμένας, πεφουινγμένας ἄλλους, καὶ μέντοι καὶ χρυσοφαεῖς τινας. δακεῖν δὲ ἄρα καὶ ἀποκτεῖναι ὠκιστα δεινούς αὐτοὺς λέγει οὗτος.

<sup>1</sup> λέγει οὕτως.

<sup>2</sup> ἑορακέναι.

<sup>3</sup> μήκος, πλάτος δὲ καὶ πάχος κατὰ τὸ μήκος δηλονότι καὶ γ. κ.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ χηλαί.

## BOOK XVII

1. Alexander <sup>a</sup> in his *Voyage round the Red Sea* Monstrous Snakes and Crabs says that he has seen Snakes forty cubits long, and a species of Crab whose shell measured one foot across in all directions, with claws attached and projecting to an enormous length. But nobody has designs upon them, the reason being that they are said to be sacred to Poseidon. And they are consecrated to the god, so that, as offerings to him, they are free from harm and immune from attack.

2. Cleitarchus in his work on India Snakes of India says that there are Snakes sixteen cubits long. He also relates that there is another species of Snake different in appearance from the rest, for it is a great deal shorter and its colour looks mottled as though it had been painted with pigments: some have stripes of bronze descending from the head to the tail, others look like silver, others again are stained red, and there are even some with a golden sheen. The same writer asserts that they give a terrible bite which kills very speedily.

<sup>a</sup> This 'Alexander' has not certainly been identified with Alexander of Myndus, although Wellmann (*Hermes* 26. 565) shows reasons for regarding them as one and the same.

<sup>5</sup> Lacuna; or read ἐν τοῖς H.

<sup>7</sup> <τῆς> add. Ges.

<sup>6</sup> εἶναι τῷ μεγέθει.

<sup>8</sup> ἀργυρίῳ.

3. Ἐν τῷ ἐννάτῳ τῶν περὶ Πτολεμαίων <sup>1</sup> λόγων λέγει Νύμφις ἐν <τῇ> <sup>2</sup> γῇ τῇ Τρωγλοδυτίδι γίνεσθαι ἔχεις ἄμαχόν τι μέγεθος, εἰ πρὸς τοὺς ἄλλους ἔχεις ἀντικρίνουτο· εἶναι γὰρ πῆχυν καὶ πεντεκαίδεκα· τὰς γε μὴν χελώνας εἶναι τοσαύτας τὸ χελώνιον, ὥς χωρεῖν μεδίμνους Ἀττικοὺς καὶ ἕξ αὐτό.

4. Ἔστι δὲ καὶ πρηστήρ ὄφειον γένος, ὅσπερ οὖν εἰ δάκοι, τὰ μὲν πρῶτα νωθεῖς ἀπεργάζεται καὶ ἡκιστα κινητικούς, εἶτα μέντοι κατ' ὀλίγον ἀρρώστους <sup>3</sup> καὶ ἀναπνεῖν ἀδυνάτους· καὶ μέντοι καὶ λήθην καταχεῖ τῆς γνώμης <sup>4</sup> τὸ δῆγμα, καὶ τὴν κύστιν ἐπέχει, καὶ λιπότρινχας <sup>5</sup> ἀποφαίνει, εἶτα ἔπεται πνιγμός, καὶ σπᾶσθαι ποιεῖ, καὶ τὸ τέλος τοῦ βίου ἀλγευστότατον.

5. Φύλαρχος ἐν τῇ δωδεκάτῃ ὑπὲρ τῶν Αἰγυπτίων ἀσπίδων ἄδει τοιαῦτα. τιμᾶσθαι φησιν αὐτὰς ἰσχυρῶς, καὶ ἐκ ταύτης γε τῆς τιμῆς ἡμερωτάτας τε καὶ χειροθήεις γίνεσθαι.<sup>6</sup> τοῖς παιδίοις οὖν συντρεφομένας μηδὲν ἀδικεῖν, καλουμένας <sup>7</sup> δὲ ἐξέρπειν τῶν φωλεῶν καὶ ἀφικνεῖσθαι. κλήσις δὲ αὐταῖς ὁ τῶν δακτύλων ἐστὶ κρότος. προτείνουσι δὲ ἄρα οἱ Αἰγύπτιοι καὶ ξένια αὐταῖς. ἐπὶ γὰρ ἀπὸ δείπνου γένωνται, ἄλφита οὖν καὶ μέλιτι ἀναδεύσαντες κατὰ τῆς τραπέζης τιθέασιν, ἐφ' ἧς ἔτυχον δεδειπνηκότες· εἶτα μέντοι κροτήσαντες

<sup>1</sup> Πτολεμαίων Α, Η.

<sup>3</sup> ἀγνώστους.

<sup>5</sup> Ges.: λιπότρινχας.

<sup>6</sup> γίνεσθαι ἐκ τῆς τροφῆς πεπωλευμένας.

<sup>2</sup> <τῇ> add. Η.

<sup>4</sup> τῇ γνώμῃ.

3. Nymphis in the ninth book of his *History of the* <sup>Monstrous</sup> *Ptolemies* says that in the country of the Troglodytes <sup>Vipers</sup> there are Vipers of surpassing size if compared with other vipers, for they measure as much as fifteen cubits. Moreover the Tortoises have shells large <sup>and</sup> enough to contain six Attic medimni.<sup>b</sup> <sup>Tortoises</sup>

4. The *Prester* <sup>The</sup> <sup>'Prester'</sup> also is a species of snake and if it bites, to begin with it makes men lethargic and quite incapable of bestirring themselves, and in the next place they gradually weaken and are unable to breathe. Further, the bite induces loss of memory, stops the flow from the bladder, and causes the hair to fall; then there ensues a choking which causes convulsions, and life ends in agonies.

5. Phylarchus in his twelfth book gives the following account of the Asps of Egypt. <sup>The Asps</sup> <sup>of Egypt</sup> He says that they are treated with great respect, and as a result of this respect they become extremely gentle and tame. And so, being fed along with the children, they do no harm, but creep out of their lairs when called and come to the spot. And the way to call them is to snap one's fingers. Then the Egyptians give them presents in the way of friendship, for when they have finished their meal they soak barley in wine and honey and place it on the table off which they happen to have dined. Then they snap their fingers

<sup>a</sup> The Red Sea coasts of Egypt and of Arabia.

<sup>b</sup> See n. at 16. 14.

<sup>c</sup> In 6. 51 identified with the *Dipsas*; what its modern equivalent may be, is impossible to say.

<sup>7</sup> καὶ καλουμένας.

οἰοῖναι δαιτυμόνας καλοῦσι. καὶ ἐκείναι ὥσπερ οὖν ὑπὸ συνθήματι παραγίνονται, καὶ ἄλλη ἀλαχόθεν ἐξέρπει, καὶ περιστάσαι τὴν τράπεζαν τὴν μὲν λοιπὴν σπείραν ἑῷσι κατὰ τοῦ δαπέδου, ἄρασαι δὲ τὴν κεφαλὴν περιλιχμῶνται, καὶ ἥσυχῃ καὶ κατ' ὀλίγον ἐμπίπλονται τῶν ἀλφίτων, καὶ καταναλίσκουσιν αὐτά. νύκτωρ δὲ ἔαν ἐπείγῃ τι τοὺς Αἰγυπτίους, κροτοῦσι πάλιν· ὑποσημαίνει δὲ ἄρα αὐταῖς ὅδε ὁ ψόφος ἐξίστασθαι τε<sup>1</sup> καὶ ἀναχωρεῖν. οὐκοῦν συναΐσιν ἐκείναι<sup>2</sup> τὴν τοῦ κτύπου διαφορὰν καὶ ἐφ' ὅτῳ τοῦτο δρᾶται, καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀναστέλλονται καὶ ἀφανίζονται, ἐς τοὺς χηραμούς τε καὶ φωλεοὺς ἔρπουσαι. ὁ οὖν<sup>3</sup> ἀνιστάμενος οὔτε ἐμβαίνει τιῶν αὐτῶν οὔτε περιπίπτει.

6. Ὁ κροκόδιλος γίνεται μήκιστος πολλάκις. ἐπὶ γοῶν Ψαμμιτίχου τοῦ Αἰγυπτίων βασιλέως πέντε καὶ εἴκοσι πήχεων κροκόδιλον φανῆναι φασιν, ἐπὶ δὲ Ἀμάσιδος παλαιστῶν τεττάρων καὶ πήχεων ἕξ καὶ εἴκοσι. κήτη δὲ περὶ τὴν Λάκαιναν θάλατταν ἀκούω γίνεσθαι μεγέθει μέγιστα, καὶ τινὲς γε τῶν κριτικῶν Ὅμηρον<sup>4</sup> ἐντεῦθεν φασιν εἰπεῖν Λακεδαιμόνα κητώεσσαν. περὶ τὰ Κύθηρα δὲ ἔτι καὶ μείζω τὰ κήτη ὑμνοῦσι γίνεσθαι. ἔοικε δὲ αὐτῶν καὶ τὰ νεῦρα λυσιτελεῖν εἶναι ἐς τὰς τῶν ψαλτηρίων καὶ τῶν ἄλλων ὀργάνων χορδοστροφίας καὶ μέντοι καὶ ἐς τὰ πολεμικὰ ὄργανα.<sup>5</sup> ἐν δὲ τῇ Ἐρυθρᾷ θαλάττῃ πρὸς τοῖς

<sup>1</sup> αὐταῖς . . . ἐξίστασθαι τε] ὅδε ὁ ψ. ἕξ. τε αὐτάς.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ ἐκείναι. <sup>3</sup> γοῶν. <sup>4</sup> τὸν Ὅ.

<sup>5</sup> ὄργανα αἱ τούτων νεῦραι δοκοῦσι λυσιτελεῖσθαι.

and summon 'the guests,' so to call them. And the Asps as at a signal assemble, creeping out from different quarters, and as they encircle the table, while the rest of their coils remain on the floor, they rear their heads up and lick the food; gently and by degrees they take their fill of the barley and eat it up. And if some need causes the Egyptians to rise during the night, they again snap their fingers: this is a signal for the Asps to make way for them and to withdraw. So the snakes realise the difference between this sound and the other and the reason for it, and promptly retire and disappear, creeping into their holes and lairs. Accordingly the man who has got out of bed neither treads upon nor encounters any of them.

6. The Crocodile often attains to an immense length. At any rate they say that in the reign of Psammitichus, King of Egypt,<sup>a</sup> there appeared a Crocodile twenty-five cubits long, and in the reign of Amasis<sup>b</sup> there appeared one of twenty-six cubits and four palms.<sup>c</sup> And I have heard that in the Gulf of Laconia there are sea-monsters of immense size; that is why according to some grammarians Homer speaks of 'Lacedaemon with its sea-monsters'<sup>d</sup> [*Il.* 2. 581, *Od.* 4. 1]. And round about Cythera there are said to be sea-monsters still larger. And it appears that their sinews are useful for the stringing of harps and other instruments, and even for engines of war. And in addition to

<sup>a</sup> 7th cent. B.C.

<sup>b</sup> 6th cent. B.C.

<sup>c</sup> A palm = about 3 in.

<sup>d</sup> So Ael. understood *κητώεσσαν*, now generally taken to mean 'full of ravines.'

ἤδη προειρημένοις γίνονται καὶ σκορπίοι καὶ κωβιοὶ δύο πήχεων καὶ μέντοι καὶ τριῶν. Ἀμώμητος δὲ φησὶν ἐν τῇ Λιβύῃ πόλιν εἶναι τινα, ἐν ἣ τοὺς ἱερέας ἕκ τινος λίμνης ἐπαοιδαῖς καταγοητεύοντας εὖ μάλα ἐλκτικαῖς ἐξάγειν κροκοδίλους πήχεων ἑκαταῖκα. Θεοκλῆς δὲ ἐν τῇ τετάρτῃ περὶ τὴν Σύρτιν λέγει γίνεσθαι κήτην τριήρων μείζονα. περὶ δὲ τὴν Γεδρωσίῳν χώραν (ἔστι δὲ μοῖρα τῆς γῆς τῆς Ἰνδικῆς οὐκ ἄδοξος) Ὀνησίκριτος λέγει καὶ Ὀρθαγόρας γίνεσθαι κήτην ἡμισυ ἔχοντα σταδίου τὸ μήκος.<sup>1</sup> τοσαύτην δὲ φασιν ἔχειν δύναμιν αὐτά, ὥς πολλάκις, ὅταν ἀναφυσήσῃ τοῖς μυκτῆρσιν, ἐς τοσοῦτον ἀναρρίπτειν τῆς θαλάττης τὸ κλυδώνιον, ὥς δοκεῖν τοῖς ἀμαθέσι καὶ ἀπείροις πρηστήρας εἶναι ταῦτα.

7. Ἀριστοτέλης ἐν τῷ ὀγδῶν περὶ ζῶων φησὶ τοὺς ἐλέφαντας ἐσθίειν κριθῶν μεδίμνους Μακεδονικοὺς ἐννέα, ἀλφίτων δὲ ἐπὶ τούτοις ἕξ, εἰ δὲ δούης, καὶ ἑπτὰ.<sup>2</sup> πίνειν δὲ αὐτοὺς ὁ αὐτὸς λέγει μετρητάς Μακεδονικοὺς τετταρεσκαῖδεκα, καὶ πάλιν τῆς δειλῆς ἐπιπίνειν ὀκτώ. βιοῦν δὲ ἐλέφαντας ἔτη διακόσιά φησι, προΐεναι δὲ ἔστιν οὓς καὶ ἐς τρεῖς ἑκατοντάδας.

Διειδὲς δὲ ὕδωρ καὶ ἀκραίφνης καμῆλῳ πιεῖν ἔχθιστόν ἐστι, τεβολωμένον δὲ καὶ ῥυπαρόν ἥδιστον πωμάτων ἡγεῖται. καὶ μέντοι καὶ ἐς ποταμὸν εἰς ἀφύκηται ἢ λίμνην, οὐ πρότερον ἐπικύπτει πιεῖν, πρὶν ἢ τοῖς ποσὶν ἀναταράξῃ<sup>3</sup> τὴν ἰλὸν καὶ

those that I have mentioned before there occur in the Red Sea Scorpion-fish<sup>a</sup> and Gobies two and even three cubits long. And Amometus says that in Libya there is a certain city where the priests by their powerful spells draw Crocodiles sixteen cubits long from a certain lake. And Theocles in his fourth book says that round about Syrtis there are Sea-monsters larger than a trireme. And Onesicritus and Orthagoras say that round the coast of Gedrosia<sup>b</sup> (this is no inconsiderable part of India) there are Sea-monsters half a *stade*<sup>c</sup> in length, and so powerful are they that, when they blow with their nostrils, they often hurl up a wave from the sea to such a height that ignorant and inexperienced people take it for a waterspout.

7. Aristotle says in the eighth book of his *History of Animals* [HA 596 a 3] that Elephants eat nine Macedonian *medimni*<sup>d</sup> of barley, and in addition six of barley-groats, or even seven if you give it them. And he also says that they drink fourteen Macedonian *metretae*<sup>e</sup> of water, and again eight more in the afternoon. Elephants, he says, live for two hundred years, and there are some that even attain to three hundred.

The Camel [Id. HA 595 b 31] greatly dislikes clear, pure water for drinking, and regards muddy, dirty water as the pleasantest. Indeed if it comes to a stream or a lake, it does not bend down to drink until it has stirred up the slime with its feet and destroyed

<sup>a</sup> Not to be identified with the Bullhead or Sculpin (*Scorpaena* sp.), Thompson, *Gk. fishes*, p. 246.

<sup>b</sup> See 15. 25 n.

<sup>c</sup> *Stade* = 600 ft.

<sup>d</sup> *Medimnus*, see 16. 14 n.

<sup>e</sup> *Metretae* = about 8½ gallons.

<sup>1</sup> μήκος, πλάτος δὲ κατὰ λόγον τοῦ μήκους καὶ τοῦτο δηλονότι.

<sup>2</sup> ἑπτὰ, καὶ χιλὸν φύλλα καὶ κλάδους ἀπαλοῦς.

<sup>3</sup> ἀναταράξει V, ἐπιταράξει other MSS.

ἀφανίσῃ τὸ κάλλος τοῦ ὕδατος. ἄποτος δὲ ἐὰν  
μεῖνῃ, διακαρτερεῖ καὶ ὀκτὼ ἡμέρας.

8. Πυθαγόρας ἐν τοῖς περὶ τῆς Ἐρυθρᾶς θαλάττης λέγει ζῶν τι γίνεσθαι χερσαῖον περὶ τὸ πέλαγος ἐκεῖνο, τὸν<sup>1</sup> καλούμενον κήπον. φερώνυμον δὲ εἶναι.<sup>2</sup> ἔχει γὰρ χροᾶς πολλὰς. καὶ μέγεθος μὲν εἰληχέναι τὸν τέλειον κατὰ τοὺς κύνας τοὺς Ἐρετρικοὺς. περιελθεῖν δὲ αὐτοῦ τὸ ποικίλον ἐθέλω καὶ δεῖξαι τῷ λόγῳ, ὡς ἐκεῖνος γράφει. τὰ μὲν δὴ περὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτῷ καὶ τὸ<sup>3</sup> νῶτον καὶ τὴν ῥάχιν ἐς τὴν οὐρὰν τελευτώντα ἀκράτως πυρρά<sup>4</sup> ἐστὶ, θεάσαιο δ' ἂν καὶ τρίχας χρυσοειδεῖς τινὰς διεσπαρμένας. λευκὸν δὲ τὸ πρόσωπόν οἱ μέχρι τῶν παρειῶν,<sup>5</sup> ἐντεῦθεν γὰρ μὴν ταῖναι χρυσοειδεῖς κατὰ τὴν δέρην. ταύτης δὲ τὰ κάτω μέχρι τῶν στέρνων καὶ οἱ πόδες δὲ οἱ πρόσθιοι λευκανθίζει πάντα. μαῖοι δὲ χειροπληθεῖς δύο κυανοὶ, γαστήρ δὲ λευκὴ πᾶσα, πόδες δὲ οἱ κατόπιν μέλανες εἰσι. προσώπου δὲ μορφῇ,<sup>6</sup> κυνοκεφάλῳ παραβαλὼν αὐτὴν ἀληθεύσεις, εὖ ἴσθι.

9. Ὀνοκενταύραν καλοῦσι ζῶν τι, καὶ ταύτην ὅστις εἶδεν, οὐκ ἂν ἡπίστησεν<sup>7</sup> ὅτι καὶ Κενταύρων φύλα ἦν, καὶ οὐ κατεψεύσαντο οἱ χειρουργοὶ<sup>8</sup> τῆς φύσεως, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἐκείνους ἠνεγκεν ὁ χρόνος κράσει σωμάτων οὐχ ὁμοίων ἐνωθέντας. καταλείπωμεν δὲ<sup>9</sup> αὐτοὺς, εἴτε ἐγένοντο ὄντως ἐπιδημία.

<sup>1</sup> τό.

<sup>3</sup> τὸν νῶτον.

<sup>5</sup> παρειῶν αὐτῶν.

<sup>2</sup> εἶναι, καὶ εἰκότως.

<sup>4</sup> πυρρά.

<sup>6</sup> μορφῇ ἐκεῖνον.

the beauty of the water. And if it goes unwatered, it can endure for as much as eight days.<sup>a</sup>

8. In his writings about the Red Sea Pythagoras<sup>The</sup> says that there is an animal that lives on the shores<sup>Kepos</sup> and is called *Kēpos*.<sup>b</sup> And it is well-named (*kēpos*, garden), for it is of many colours. When full-grown it is the size of an Eretrian hound. But I wish to return to the subject of its varied colouring and to describe it as he writes. Its head, its back, and its spine down as far as the tail are a pure red, though you may observe a sprinkling of golden hairs. But its face including the cheeks is white, and from there golden stripes descend as far as the neck. The lower portions down to its chest and its forefeet are all white; its two breasts, which would fill your hand, are dark, but its belly is entirely white; its hind feet are black. As to the shape of its face, be sure you will not go wrong if you liken it to that of a baboon.

9. There is a certain creature which they call an<sup>The 'Ono-</sup> *Onocentaura*,<sup>centaura</sup> and anybody who has seen one would never have doubted that the race of Centaurs once existed, and that artificers did not falsify Nature, but that time produced even these creatures by blending dissimilar bodies into one. But whether in fact they came into being and visited us at one

<sup>a</sup> Ael. has doubled Aristotle's number.

<sup>b</sup> Or *Kēpos*; the spelling varies. It is a long-tailed monkey.

<sup>c</sup> A tailless ape, identified by Gossen (§ 241) with the Gorilla; more probably the Chimpanzee.

<sup>7</sup> ἡπίστησεν, ὡς λόγος MSS., ἢ ὡς λόγος, Jac.

<sup>8</sup> χειρουργοὶ περὶ πλαστικὴν τε καὶ γραφικὴν.

<sup>9</sup> δὲ.

μιᾷ<sup>1</sup> καὶ τῇ αὐτῇ, εἴτε ἡ φήμη κηροῦ παντός· οὐσα εὐπλαστοτέρα τε καὶ εὐπειθεστέρα διέπλασεν αὐτούς, καὶ ἀνέμιξεν ἵππου καὶ ἀνθρώπου δαιμονία τινὶ συνάφῃ ἡμίτομα, καὶ ἔδωκε μίαν ψυχὴν. αὕτη δὲ ὑπὲρ ἧς ὠρμηται λέγειν ὅδε ὁ λόγος, ἐς ἀκοὴν τὴν ἐμὴν τοιαύδε ἀφίκετο. ἀνθρώπῳ τὸ πρόσωπον εἵκασται, περιέρχονται δὲ αὐτὸ<sup>2</sup> βαθεῖαι τρίχες. τράχηλός τε ὑπὸ τῷ προσώπῳ καὶ στέρνα, καὶ ταῦτα ἀνθρωπικά· μαζοὶ δὲ ἡρμένον καὶ κατὰ τοῦ στήθους ἐφεισῶτες, ὠμοὶ δὲ καὶ βραχίονες καὶ πήχεις, ἔτι δὲ χεῖρες καὶ . . .<sup>3</sup> στέρνα ἐς ἰξύν, καὶ ταῦτα ἀνθρωπικά·<sup>4</sup> ῥάχιν δὲ καὶ πλευραὶ καὶ γαστήρ καὶ πόδες οἱ κατόπιν ὄνῳ καὶ μάλα ἐμφερῇ, καὶ τεφρώδης κατ' ἐκείνους<sup>5</sup> ἡ χροῖα, τὰ δὲ ὑπὸ τὰς λαπάρας<sup>6</sup> ἡσυχῇ λευκανθίζει. αἱ χεῖρες δὲ τῷδε τῷ ζῳῷ διπλὴν παρέχουσι χρεῖαν· ἐνθα μὲν γὰρ τάχους δεῖ, προθέουσι τῶν ὀπίσω σκελῶν, καὶ τῶν λοιπῶν τετραπόδων οὐχ ἡττάται τὸν δρόμον· δεῖ δὲ πάλιν<sup>7</sup> ἢ ἀφελεῖν τι ἢ καταθέσθαι ἢ συλλαβεῖν καὶ σφίγγει, καὶ οἱ πόδες οἱ τέως χεῖρες ἐγένοντο, καὶ οὐ βαδίζει, κάθηται δέ· βαρύθυμον δὲ ἰσχυρῶς τὸ ζῷον ἐστίν· ἐὰν γοῦν ἀλῶ, δουλείαν μὴ φέρον καὶ τῆς τέως ἐλευθερίας γλιχόμενον τροφὴν ἀπέστραπται πᾶσαν, καὶ ἀποθνήσκει λιμῷ. Πυθαγόρας λέγει καὶ ταῦτα, ὥσπερ οὖν τεκμηριοῦ Κράτης ὁ ἐκ τοῦ Μυσίου Περγάμου.

<sup>1</sup> πάντες μιᾷ.

<sup>2</sup> Schn: αὐτοῦ.

<sup>3</sup> Lacuna.

<sup>4</sup> The words στέρνα and καὶ ταῦτα ἀνθρωπικά, repeated from

and the same period,<sup>a</sup> or whether rumour, more ductile than any wax and too credulous, fashioned them and by some miraculous combination fused the halves of a horse and a man while endowing them with a single soul—let us pass them by. But this creature of which my discourse set out to speak, I have heard described as follows. Its face is like that of a man and is surrounded by thick hair. Its neck below its face, and its chest are also those of a man, but its teats are swelling and stand out on the breast; its shoulders, arms, and forearms, its hands too . . . chest down to the waist are also those of a man. But its spine, ribs, belly, and hind legs closely resemble those of an ass; likewise its colour is ashen, although beneath the flanks it inclines to white. The hands of this creature serve a double purpose, for when speed is necessary they run in front of the hind legs, and it can move quite as fast as other quadrupeds. Again, if it needs to pluck something, or to put it down, or to seize and hold it tight, what were feet become hands; it no longer walks but sits down. The creature has a violent temper. At any rate if captured it will not endure servitude and in its yearning for freedom declines all food and dies of starvation.

This also is the account given by Pythagoras and attested by Crates of Pergamum in Mysia.

<sup>a</sup> That is, they were a temporary phenomenon, did not propagate their kind, and soon became extinct.

three lines above, can hardly proceed from Ael., and have been condemned by edd.

<sup>5</sup> ἐκείνους.

<sup>6</sup> ταῖς λαπάραις.

<sup>7</sup> πάλιν τροφῆς.



10. Ἡ Βοιωτῶν γῆ ἀσπαλάκων ἀφείται, καὶ αὐτὴν οὐ διορύττει τὸ ζῶον τοῦτο κατὰ Λεβάδειαν· ἔαν δέ πως καὶ ἀλλαχόθεν ἐσομισθῶσιν, ἀποθηήσκουσι. [περὶ μὲν οὖν τὴν Ὀρχομενίων γίνοντα καὶ πολλοί.]<sup>1</sup> ἐν δὲ Λιβύῃ συνὼν ἀγρίων ἀπορία ἐστὶ καὶ ἐλάφων. ἐν δὲ τῷ Πόντῳ οὔτε μαλάκια οὔτε ὀστρακόδερμα γίνεται, εἰ μὴ σπανίως καὶ ὀλίγα. λέγει δὲ Δείνων ἐν Αἰθιοπία γίνεσθαι τοὺς ὄρνιθας τοὺς μονόκερως καὶ ὅς τετράκερως καὶ πρόβατα ἐρίων μὲν ψιλὰ, τρίχας δὲ καμῆλων ἔχοντα.

11. Ἐν Ζακύνθῳ λέγουσιν οἱ δεινοὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα βασάνισαι τε καὶ ἀνιχνεύσαι τοῖς ὑπὸ τῶν φαλαγγίων δακνομένοις μὴ μόνον τοσαῦτα<sup>2</sup> ἀπαντᾶν, ὅσα καὶ τοῖς ἀλλαχόθι δηχθεῖσιν, ἀλλὰ ἐκείνων<sup>3</sup> πλείω. ὅλα γὰρ αὐτοῖς τὰ σώματα γίνεται νάρκης ἀνάπλεω καὶ πως ὑπότρομα καὶ ψυχρὰ ἰσχυρῶς, καὶ ἔμετοι. . .<sup>4</sup> σπασμὸν ἀναφύοντες, καὶ ὀρθοῦνται τὸ σκεῦος αὐτοῖς· ἀλγοῦσι δὲ καὶ τὰ ὦτα ἰσχυρῶς, καὶ τοῦ ποδὸς ἐκατέρου τὸ θέναρ καὶ τοῦτο ὀδυνῶνται. ἐνδείκνυνται<sup>5</sup> δὲ ἄρα αὐτὰ<sup>6</sup> ὅσα εἶπον ἕκαστα<sup>7</sup> <καὶ οἱ><sup>8</sup> τὰς χεῖρας ἐπιβάλλοντες αὐτοῖς.<sup>9</sup> ὁ δὲ ἐστὶ καὶ ἀκοῦσαι ἐκπληκτικὸν καὶ μέντοι καὶ θαυμασιώτερον<sup>10</sup> ἰδεῖν, ὅταν τινὲς τῶν ἀδήκτων ἢ ἐμβῶσι τοῖς ἀπολούτροις<sup>11</sup> τῶν

<sup>1</sup> περὶ μὲν . . . πολλοί] interpolation, H.

<sup>2</sup> ταῦτα.

<sup>3</sup> ἐκεῖνα.

<sup>4</sup> *Lasima*: <ἔπονται> or <παρακολουθοῦσι> ex. gr. H.

<sup>5</sup> *Grs*: ἐνδείκνυνται.

<sup>6</sup> ταῦτα καὶ ἀλγοῦντες.

<sup>7</sup> ἕκαστος.

<sup>8</sup> <καὶ οἱ> add. H.

<sup>9</sup> αὐτῶν.

<sup>10</sup> θαυμασιώτατον? H.

<sup>11</sup> ἀπολου τρ' V, -λουτρίοις other MSS.

10. Boeotia is free of Moles, and this animal does not burrow through at Lebadea, and if by some chance Moles are introduced from elsewhere they die. [But in the neighbourhood of Orchomenus<sup>a</sup> they abound.]

The Mole, in Boeotia

In Libya there is an absence of wild swine and of stags. In the Euxine there are neither cephalopod mollusca nor testacea, except on rare occasions and in small numbers. And Dinon says that in Ethiopia there occur the one-horned birds,<sup>b</sup> swine with four horns,<sup>c</sup> and sheep destitute of wool but with the hair of camels.

Peculiarities of Libya, the Euxine, and Ethiopia

11. Those who are skilled at testing and investigating such matters assert that in Zacynthus<sup>a</sup> people who are bitten by Malmignattes<sup>c</sup> are not only assailed by all the symptoms that assail other victims elsewhere but by even more, for their entire body is infected with a torpor and a kind of trembling and a violent chill, and <there follow> vomitings which produce convulsions, and their member stands up. They have violent earache too, and the sole of either foot is painful. Moreover even those who touch them with their hands exhibit all the symptoms which I have enumerated. But it is startling to learn, and even more amazing to see, how when some persons unbitten tread in the water in which the

The Malmignatte

<sup>a</sup> Orchomenus was in Boeotia, about 5 mi. NE of Lebadea.

<sup>b</sup> The Hornbill.

<sup>c</sup> Perhaps the Warthog is intended, its four prominent tusks being mistaken for horns.

<sup>a</sup> Island off W coast of Peloponnese.

<sup>c</sup> A kind of spider, small, black, and spotted with red; its bite is poisonous and may even be fatal.

δηχθέντων ἢ καὶ νῆ Δία ἀπονούσονται τοὺς πόδας (οἷα· δῆπου γίνεσθαι φιλεῖ πολλάκις· ἥδη δὲ ἄρα ἀπαντὰ τὰ τοιαυτὰ καὶ κατὰ τινὰς ἐπιβουλὰς ἐχθρῶν), πάντα καὶ ἐκείνοις γίνεται τὰ ἀλγήματα, ὅσα καὶ τοῖς δηχθεῖσι δῆπου.

12. Γένος τι φρύνης ἀκούω καὶ πιεῖν δεινὸν καὶ πικρὸν ἰδεῖν. πιεῖν μὲν, εἴ τις αὐτὴν συντρίψας εἶτα μέντοι τὸ αἷμα δοῖη τῷ πιεῖν, κατ' ἐπιβουλὴν ἐμβάλων εἴτε ἐς οἶνον εἴτε ἐς ἄλλα πόματα,<sup>1</sup> ὥνπερ οἱ τούτων<sup>2</sup> κατάρτοι σοφισταὶ<sup>3</sup> ἐπιτήδειον ἡγνῆται τὴν πρὸς ἐκεῖνο τὸ αἷμα κρασιν. καὶ ποθὲν ἀπέκτεινεν οὐκ ἐς ἀναβολὰς· ἀλλὰ παραχρῆμα. ἰδεῖν δὲ ἡ φρύνη κακὸν ἐστὶ τοιοῦτον· εἴαν τις θεάσῃται τὴν θῆραν,<sup>4</sup> εἶτα αὐτῇ ἀντίος ὁρῶν προσβλέψῃ δριμύ, καὶ ἐκείνη κατὰ τὴν ἐαυτῆς φύσιν ἱταμὸν ἀντιβλέψῃ, καὶ τι καὶ φύσημα ἐμπνεύσῃ ἐαυτῇ μὲν συμφυές, χρωτὶ δὲ ἐχθρὸν ἀνθρώπινω, ὥχρὸν ἐργάζεται, ὥς εἰπεῖν τὸν οὐκ ἰδόντα<sup>5</sup> ἀλλὰ ἐντυχόντα πρῶτον ὅτι νόσήσαντα εἶδεν ἀνθρώπον. μένει τε ἡ ὥχρότης ἡμερῶν οὐ πολλῶν, εἶτα ἀφανίζεται.

13. Χαραδριοῦ δὲ ἦν ἄρα δῶρον τοῦτο, ὃ οὐ μὰ Δία ἀτιμάζειν ἄξιον. εἰ<sup>6</sup> γοῦν ὑπαναπληροθῆις τὸ σῶμα ἱκτέρου τις εἰτά οἱ δριμὺ ἐνορώη,<sup>7</sup> ὃ δὲ ἀντιβλέπει καὶ μάλα γε ἀτρέπτως, ὥσπερ οὖν ἀντιφλοισιμούμενος,<sup>8</sup> καὶ ἡ τοιαύδε ἀντιβλέψις<sup>9</sup> ἱαταὶ τὸ προειρημένον πάθος τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ.

<sup>1</sup> ἄλλο πόμα τι.

<sup>2</sup> τῶν τοιούτων? H.

<sup>3</sup> σοφισταὶ τὴν πονηρὰν ἀκριβοῦντες σοφίαν.

victims have washed, or simply bathe their feet in it (as of course frequently happens; indeed this has been brought about before now through the evil designs of enemies), they too suffer all the pains incurred by the victims of the bite.

12. I learn that there is a species of Toad which it <sup>A poisonous Toad</sup> is fatal to drink and dangerous to look at. It is fatal to drink if a man crushes a Toad and then offers the blood to another to drink after he has with malicious intent poured it into wine or such other beverages as accursed practitioners of these arts deem suitable for mixing with it. The draught brings not a lingering but an instant death. To gaze at a Toad is harmful in this way. If a man sees the beast and then looks intently at it, face to face, while it, following its nature, retaliates with a bold gaze and also breathes forth the breath which though natural to it has an adverse effect on the human skin, it turns the man pale, so that anyone who had not seen him but met him for the first time would say that he had seen a sick man. And the pallor lasts for a few days only and then disappears.

13. The Stone-curlew, it seems, has this gift, <sup>The Stone-curlew</sup> which assuredly is by no means to be despised. At any rate if a man who has become infected with jaundice gazes intently at it and it returns the gaze without flinching, as though it were moved by jealousy against the man, this retaliatory gaze heals the man of the aforesaid complaint.

<sup>4</sup> Ges: θῆραν.

<sup>6</sup> ἦν.

<sup>8</sup> ἀντιθυμούμενος.

<sup>5</sup> εἰδὸτα.

<sup>7</sup> Apostolius, Ges: ἐνορῶν.

<sup>9</sup> Gron: ἀνάβλεψις.

14. Ἐγὼ μὲν οὐ πεπίστευκα, εἰ δὲ ἕτερος Εὐδόξῳ πείθεται, πιστευέτω ὁ φησιν Εὐδόξος, ὑπερβαλὼν τὰς Ἡρακλείους στήλας ἐν λίμναις ἑορακέναι<sup>1</sup> ὄρνιθας τινὰς καὶ μείζους βοῶν. καὶ ὅτι μὲν οὐ πείθει με ὁ λέγων, ἤδη εἶπον· ἃ δ' οὖν ἦκουσα, οὐκ ἐσίγησα.

15. Ἀριστοτέλης λέγει πέρδικα θῆλυν, ὅταν κατὰ ἄνεμον<sup>2</sup> γένηται τοῦ ἄρρενος, ἐγκύμονα γίνεσθαι φύσει τινὶ ἀπορρήτῳ.<sup>3</sup> διαπλέκει δὲ ἄρα ὁ ὄρνις οὗτος ἐν ἡμέραις τὴν νεοττίαν ἑπτὰ, καὶ ἐν ἑπτὰ μέντοι τίκτει, ἐν δὲ ταῖς τοσαύταις καὶ ἐκτρέφει τὰ νεόττια.

Τίμαιος δὲ καὶ Ἡρακλείδης καὶ Διοκλῆς<sup>4</sup> ὁ ἱατρός λεγούσι τοὺς φρύονους δύο ἥπατα ἔχειν, καὶ τὸ μὲν ἀποκτείνειν, τὸ δὲ ἐκείνου πεφυκέναι ἀντίπαλον· σώζειν γάρ.

16. Θεόπομπος λέγει τοὺς περὶ τὸν Ἀδρίαν οἰκοῦντας Ἐνετούς, ὅταν τοῦ τρίτου ἀρότου καὶ σπόρου ἢ ὥρα,<sup>5</sup> τοῖς κολοιοῖς ἀποστέλλειν δῶρα· εἷη δ' ἂν τὰ δῶρα ψαιστὰ ἅττα καὶ μεμαγμέναι μάζαι καλῶς τε καὶ εὖ. βούλεται δὲ ἄρα ἡ τῶνδε τῶν δώρων πρόθεσις μελίγματα τοῖς κολοιοῖς εἶναι καὶ σπονδῶν ὁμολογίαι, ὥς ἐκείνους τὸν καρπὸν τὸν Δημήτρειον<sup>6</sup> μὴ ἀνορύττειν καταβληθέντα ἐς τὴν γῆν μηδὲ παρεκλέγειν. Λύκος

<sup>1</sup> ἑωρακέναι.

<sup>2</sup> Schen : νότον.

<sup>3</sup> ἀρρήτῳ.

<sup>4</sup> Wellmann : Νεοκλῆς MSS, H.

<sup>5</sup> Jac : ὅταν περὶ τὸν ἀρότον τρίτον καὶ σπόρον ἢ ὥρα ἢ most MSS, ἢ ὥρα V, τοῦ τρίτου del. H.

<sup>6</sup> Δημήτριον.

14. For my part I do not believe Eudoxus, but if others are persuaded by him, then they may believe Eudoxus when he says that after passing the Pillars of Heracles<sup>a</sup> he saw upon some meres certain birds larger than oxen. That his statement fails to convince me I have already remarked. But what I have heard I do not suppress.

15. Aristotle says [HA 541 a 27] that when the female Partridge gets to leeward of the male bird, by some mysterious process of nature she becomes impregnated. This bird builds its nest in seven days, and in seven days lays its eggs, and in the same number of days rears its chicks.

Timaeus, Heraclides, and Diocles the physician<sup>b</sup> state that Toads have two livers, and that one of them is deadly, while the other is its natural rival, for it brings health.

16. Theopompus says that at the season of the third ploughing and sowing<sup>c</sup> the Veneti who live on the shores of the Adriatic despatch presents to the Jackdaws, and these presents would be cakes of ground barley with honey and oil well and truly kneaded. The purpose of these presents is to placate the Jackdaws and to declare a truce, so that they shall refrain from digging up and collecting here and there the fruits of Demeter sown in the

<sup>a</sup> Straits of Gibraltar.

<sup>b</sup> The 'third ploughing' began early in Sept.; the fourth shortly before the equinox when the soil was ribbed for the reception of the seed. Sowing began at the autumnal equinox (Sept. 22), or more usually after the setting of the Pleiades (Oct. 23); see Smith, *Dict. Antiqu.* I. 60, 62, art. 'Agricoltura.'

δὲ ἄρα καὶ ταῦτα μὲν ὁμολογεῖ, καὶ ἐκεῖνα δὲ ἐπὶ  
τούτοις προστίθῃσι . . .<sup>1</sup> καὶ φοινικοὺς ἱμάντας  
τὴν χροάν, καὶ τοὺς μὲν πρόθέντας ταῦτα εἶτα  
ἀναχωρεῖν. καὶ τὰ μὲν τῶν κολοιῶν νέφη τῶν  
ὄρων ἔξω καταμένειν, δύο δὲ ἄρα ἢ τρεῖς προηρημέ-  
νους κατὰ τοὺς πρέσβεις τοὺς ἐκ τῶν πόλεων  
πέμπεσθαι κατασκεψομένους τῶν ξενίων τὸ πλῆθος·  
οἵπερ οὖν ἐπάνασιν θεασάμενοι, καὶ καλοῦσιν  
αὐτούς,<sup>2</sup> ἢ πεφύκασιν οἱ μὲν καλεῖν, οἱ δὲ ὑπακού-  
ειν. ἔρχονται μὲν <οὖν><sup>3</sup> κατὰ νέφη· ἐὰν δὲ  
γεύσωνται τῶν προειρημένων, ἴσασιν οἱ Ἕνετοὶ  
ὅτι ἄρα αὐτοῖς πρὸς τοὺς ὀρνίθας τοὺς προειρημέ-  
νους ἔνσπονδά ἐστιν· ἐὰν δὲ ὑπερίδωσι καὶ  
ἀτιμάσαντες ὡς εὐτελῆ μὴ γεύσωνται, πεπιστεύ-  
κασιν οἱ ἐπιχώριοι ὅτι τῆς ἐκείνων ὑπεροφίας  
ἐστὶν αὐτοῖς λιμὸς τὸ τίμημα· ἄγευστοι γὰρ  
μένοντες<sup>4</sup> οἱ προειρημένοι καὶ ἀδέκαστοί γε<sup>5</sup> ὡς  
εἰπεῖν ἐπιπέτονται τε ταῖς ἀρούραις καὶ τό γε  
πλεῖστον τῶν κατεσπαρμένων σιλλῶσι πικρότατά γε  
ἐκεῖνοι, σὺν τῷ θυμῷ καὶ ἀνορύττοντες καὶ  
ἀνιχνεύοντες.

17. Ἀμύντας ἐν τοῖς ἐπιγραφομένοις οὕτως ὑπ'  
αὐτοῦ Σταθμοῖς κατὰ τὴν γῆν τὴν Κασπίαν καὶ  
βοῶν ἀγέλας λέγει πολλὰς καὶ ἵππων,<sup>6</sup> καὶ  
κρεῖττονας ἀριθμοῦ εἶναι. ἐπιλέγει δὲ ἄρα καὶ  
ἐκεῖνο,<sup>7</sup> ἐν ὧρων τισι περιτροπαῖς μυῶν ἐπιδημίας  
γίνεσθαι πλῆθος ἄμαχον, καὶ τὸ μάρτύριον ἐπάγει

<sup>1</sup> *Lacuna.*

<sup>2</sup> <οὖν> add. Jac.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ ἄ. γε] ἀδεκατέτοις H.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ ἵππων after εἶναι in MSS.

<sup>5</sup> τοὺς ἄλλους? H.

<sup>6</sup> ὄντες.

soil. And Lycus confirms this adding further the  
following details . . .<sup>a</sup> scarlet thongs, and after  
setting them out they withdraw. And the clouds  
of Jackdaws remain outside the boundaries, while  
two or three birds, selected like ambassadors from  
cities, are sent to take a good look and see how many  
presents there are. After their inspection they  
return and summon the birds, giving the call which  
is natural for them to utter and for the others to  
respond to. And the birds come in clouds, and if  
they eat the aforesaid presents, the Veneti know that  
there is a truce between them and the aforesaid birds.  
If however they ignore and scorn them as skimpy and  
refuse to eat them, the inhabitants are confident that  
a famine will be the price they have to pay for this  
rejection. For if the aforesaid birds remain unfed  
and, so to say, unbribed, they swoop upon the  
ploughlands and pillage in the most distressing way  
the greater part of what has been sown, digging up  
and tracking out the seeds in their anger.

17. Amyntas in the work which he entitles *Stages* The Caspii  
says that in Caspian territory<sup>b</sup> there are numerous  
herds of cattle and of horses and that they are past  
counting. And he adds the following statement:  
at certain changes of the seasons Rats visit the land  
in countless hordes, and he adduces as evidence the  
their land  
invaded by  
Rats

<sup>a</sup> The sense of the missing words was perhaps: 'They  
mark the boundaries of their fields with scarlet thongs.'

<sup>b</sup> The region lying below the S end of the Caucasus through  
which the river Cyrus flows and is joined not far from its  
mouth by the Araxes; it corresponds to the modern Trans-  
caucasian province of Azerbaijan.

λέγων, τῶν ποταμῶν τῶν ἀενάων <sup>1</sup> σὺν πολλῷ τῷ  
 ροίζῳ φερομένων, τοὺς δὲ καὶ μάλα ἀτρέπτως  
 ἐπινήχεσθαι τε αὐτοῖς καὶ τὰς οὐρὰς ἀλλήλων  
 ἐνδακόντας ἔρμα τοῦτο ἴσχειν, καὶ τοῦ διαβάλλειν  
 τὸν πόρον σύνδεσμον σφισιν <sup>2</sup> ἰσχυρότατον ἀποφαί-  
 νειν τόνδε. ἐς τὰς ἀρούρας δὲ ἀπονηξάμενοί φησι  
 καὶ τὰ λήια ὑποκείρουσι, καὶ διὰ τῶν δένδρων  
 ἀνέρπουσι, καὶ τὰ ὠραία δεῖπνον ἔχουσι, καὶ τοὺς  
 κλάδους δὲ διακόπτουσιν, οὐδὲ ἐκείνους κατατρα-  
 γεῖν ἀδυνατοῦντες. οὐκοῦν ἀμυνόμενοι <sup>3</sup> οἱ Κάσ-  
 πιοι τὴν ἐκ τῶν μυῶν ἐπιδρομὴν τε ἅμα καὶ λύμην  
 φείδονται τῶν γαμψωνύχων, οἷπερ οὖν καὶ αὐτοὶ  
 κατὰ νέφη πετόμενοι εἴτα αὐτοὺς ἀνασπῶσιν, <sup>4</sup> καὶ  
 ἰδίᾳ τινὶ φύσει τοῖς Κασπίοις ἀναστέλλουσι τὸν  
 λιμόν.

Ἀλώπεκες δὲ αἱ Κάσπιοι, τὸ πλήθος αὐτῶν το-  
 σοῦτόν ἐστιν ὥς καὶ ἐπιφοιτᾶν οὐ μόνον τοῖς  
 αὐλλοῖς τοῖς κατὰ τοὺς ἀγρούς, ἤδη γε μὴν καὶ ἐς  
 τὰς πόλεις παριέναι. καὶ ἐν οἰκίᾳ ἀλώπηξ φανέται  
 οὐ μὰ Δία, ἐπὶ λύμῃ οὐδὲ ἀρπαγῇ, ἀλλὰ οἷα τιθασός·  
 καὶ ὑποσαίνουσί τε <sup>5</sup> καὶ ὑπαικάλλουσι . . . <sup>6</sup> τῶν  
 παρ' ἡμῖν κυνιδίων. οἱ δὲ μύες οἱ τοῖς Κασπίοις  
 ἐπιδήμον <sup>7</sup> ὄντες κακόν, μέγεθος αὐτῶν ὅσον κατὰ  
 γε τοὺς Αἰγυπτίων ἰχθυόμονας ὁράσθαι. ἄγριοι δὲ  
 καὶ δεινοὶ καὶ καρτεροὶ τοὺς ὀδόντας, καὶ διακόψαι  
 τε καὶ διατραγεῖν οἷοί τε εἰσι καὶ σίδηρον. τοιοῦτοι  
 δὲ ἄρα καὶ οἱ μύες οἱ ἐν τῇ Τερηδόνι τῆς Βαβυλω-  
 νίας εἰσίν, ὥνπερ οὖν καὶ τὰς δορὰς οἱ τούτων  
 κάπηλοι ἐς Πέρσας ἄγουσι φόρτον. εἰσὶ δὲ

fact that when the perennial rivers come roaring  
 down, the Rats have no hesitation in swimming them,  
 and by fixing their teeth in one another's tails  
 acquire support and make an unbreakable chain for  
 the crossing of the strait. And when they have  
 swum across to the ploughlands they cut the crops  
 at the foot, creep up all over the trees, make a meal off  
 the fruits, and cut through the branches, for they are  
 capable of eating up even these. And so the Caspii  
 to protect themselves against these raids and the  
 ruin caused by the Rats, refrain from killing birds  
 of prey, which in their turn come flying in clouds  
 and snatch up the Rats and by some natural instinct  
 of their own avert famine from the Caspii.

The Foxes in Caspian territory are so numerous The Fox in  
Caspia  
 that they not only constantly visit the sheepfolds in  
 the country but actually come up into the towns.  
 And a Fox will appear in a house not, you may be  
 sure, with any mischievous or thievish intent but as  
 though it were tame. And they fawn and wag their  
 tails <just like> lapdogs in our country. And the  
 Rats, which are a chronic plague to the Caspii, are  
 as large as the ichneumons of Egypt. And they are  
 savage, destructive, and have strong teeth, and are  
 even able to cut and eat through iron. And the  
 Rats of Teredon <sup>a</sup> in Babylonia are just the same,  
 and the traders there bring their skins to the Per-  
 sians, for they are soft and when sewn together make  
 tunics that keep men warm. And these garments

The Rats  
of Teredon

<sup>a</sup> Coastal town at the NW end of the Persian Gulf.

<sup>1</sup> ἀενάων.

<sup>2</sup> Wylt: φησιν.

<sup>3</sup> ἀμυνόμενοι.

<sup>4</sup> Corrupt: perh. διασπῶσιν or ἀναπλάζουσιν H.

<sup>5</sup> γε οἱ Κάσπιοι.

<sup>6</sup> Lacuna: <δίκην> Bernard, <τρόπον> Jac.

<sup>7</sup> Jac: ἐπίδημοι.

ἀπαλαί, καὶ συνερραμμένοι χιτῶνές τε ἅμα γίνονται καὶ ἀλεαίνουσιν αὐτούς. καλοῦνται δὲ ἄρα οὗτοι κανδύτανες,<sup>1</sup> ὡς ἐκείνοις φίλον. θαυμάσαι δὲ τῶν μυῶν τῶνδε ἄξιον ἄρα καὶ τοῦτο. ἐὰν ἀλῶ μὴς κύουσα, κῆτα ἐξαιρεθῇ τὸ ἔμβρυον, αὐτῆς δὲ διατμηθείσης ἐκείνης εἴτα μέντοι καὶ αὐτὸ διανοιχθῇ, καὶ ἐκεῖνο ἔχει βρέφος.

18. Τῆς θαλαττίας τρυγόνος ἴδιον καὶ τοῦτο προσακήκοα. ἐπὶ τῆς ἀλιάδος<sup>2</sup> ὀρχεῖται τις, ὅταν αὐτὴν ὑπονέουσιν θεάσθαι, καὶ μέντοι καὶ ἀπέσκωψέ τι κέρτομον, καὶ πρὸς ἐπὶ τούτοις, ἐάνπερ αὐλητικὸς ᾗ, καὶ τὸν αὐλὸν ὡς δέλαρ φέρει καὶ ὑπανλεῖ. ἢ δὲ ὑπερήδεται (καὶ γάρ τοι καὶ ὧτα ἔχει μουσικῆς ἐπαίοντα, ὡς φασι, καὶ ὄμματα συνιέντα ὀρχηστικῆς) εἴτα κηλουμένη ἡσυχῇ πως ἀναπλεῖ. καὶ ὁ μὲν τὰς ἑγγας τὰς προεξημένους ἐνεργότατα <προσεῖει>,<sup>3</sup> ἔθηκε δὲ τὸ φέρνιον τις ἕτερος, καὶ τὸν ἰχθὺν ἀνάγει καὶ (τοῦτο δῆπου τὸ καινότατον) κηλουμένη εἴτα ἐαυτὴν διαλέληθεν ἡρημένη.

19. Γαλάτας Εὐδοξὸς τοὺς ἐώους λέγει δρᾶν τοιαῦτα, καὶ εἰ φανείται τῷ πιστά, πιστενέτω, εἰ δὲ ἦττον τοιαῦτα, μὴ προσεχέτω. ὅταν αὐτῶν τῇ γῇ νέφη παρνόπων ἐπιφοιτήσαντα εἴτα λυπήσῃ τοὺς καρπούς, οἶδε<sup>4</sup> εὐχάς τινες εὐχονται, καὶ ἱεουργίας καταθύουσιν ὀρνίθων κατακληθιτικῆς. οἱ δὲ ὑπακούουσι, καὶ ἔρχονται στόλῳ κοινῷ, καὶ

<sup>1</sup> W.Dindorf: καναύτανες.

<sup>2</sup> Reiske: ἀλιάδος νεώς.

<sup>3</sup> ἐνεργότατος ἔστιν MSS, εἰ. ε. <προσεῖων> Schn.

<sup>4</sup> οἶδε οἱ Γαλάται.

they call *candytanēs* or 'clothes-presses' according to custom. And here is another amazing phenomenon about these Rats. If a pregnant Rat is caught and the foetus is removed, and after the dissection of the female the foetus in turn is opened, it too is found to contain a young Rat.

18. Here is another characteristic of the Sting-ray which I have learnt. When a man sees it swimming below the surface, if he begins to dance in his fishing-boat and utters taunts and jibes, and moreover, should he chance to be a pipe-player, if he has his pipe as an attraction and will play a tune, the Sting-ray is delighted (you know it has ears that are sensitive to music, so they say, and eyes that can appreciate dancing) and in answer to the spell floats gently to the surface. Meantime the fisherman continues to put forth all his enchantments as described, while some other hand manages the creel and draws up the fish. And what is, I think, the most extraordinary feature is that the fish is so beguiled that it is unaware that it has been caught.

19. Eudoxus says that the eastern Galatians<sup>a</sup> The Locust in Galatia act as follows, and if anyone regards his account as credible, he may believe it; if not, let him pay no attention to it. When Locusts invade their country in clouds and damage the crops, they put up certain prayers and offer sacrifices warranted to charm birds.<sup>b</sup> And the birds lend an ear and come in a

<sup>a</sup> Galatia, province in the centre of Asia Minor.

<sup>b</sup> The birds in question are *σελευκίδες*, *Rose-coloured Pastors* cp. Plin. *HN* 10. 75.

τοὺς πάρνοπας ἀφανίζουσιν. εἰάν δὲ τούτων τινὰ <sup>1</sup> θηράσῃται Γαλάτης, τίμημά οἱ ἐκ τῶν νόμων τῶν ἐπιχωρίων θάνατός ἐστιν. εἰάν δὲ συγγνώμης τύχη <sup>2</sup> καὶ ἀφεθῇ, ἐς μῆνιν ἐμβάλλει τοὺς ὄρνιθας, καὶ τιμώρουντες τῷ ἐαλωκότι οὐκ ἀξιοῦσιν ὑπακοῦσαι, εἰάν γε καλῶνται αὐθις.

20. Ἀριστοτέλης λέγει γίνεσθαι ἐν Σάμῳ λευκὴν χελιδόνα· ταύτης γε μὴν εἰάν τις ἐκκεντήσῃ <sup>3</sup> τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς, γίνεσθαι μὲν αὐτὴν παραχρῆμα τυφλήν, μετὰ ταῦτα δὲ ἐξωμμάτῳ καὶ λελάμπρυνται κόρας <sup>4</sup> καὶ ἐξ ὑπαρχῆς ὄρα, ὡς ἐκεῖνός φησι.

21. Τὸν κιννάμωμον ὄρνιν ἀκούω εἶναι, καὶ μέντοι καὶ κομίζεω κάρφη φυτοῦ τοῦ ὁμωνύμου ἐκ τῶν τῆς γῆς τερμάτων, καὶ καλιὰς ὑποπλέκειν ἔνθα Ἡρόδοτοί τε ἄδουσι καὶ ἄλλοι, φιλοῦσι δὲ πῶς οἶδε οἱ ὄρνιθες τὰς ἐαυτῶν εὐνάς τε καὶ καταγωγὰς ὑφαίνειν. <sup>5</sup> οὐκοῦν οἷσπερ μέλει τῶνδε τῶν κάρφων, οἷστοὺς βαρεῖς ροίζω βιαιοτάτῳ καὶ νευρᾷ ἐντάσει σφοδρᾷ <sup>6</sup> κατὰ τῶν καλιῶν <sup>7</sup> ἀφιάσιν· αἱ δὲ ῥήγνυνται, καὶ κατολισθάνει <sup>8</sup> τὰ κάρφη, καὶ μέντοι καὶ τὸ ἄδόμενον δήπου κιννάμωμον ταῦτά ἐστιν.

22. Καὶ Κλειτάρχῳ χώρον δῶμεν. λέγει δὲ Κλειτάρχος ἐν Ἰνδοῖς γίνεσθαι ὄρνιν, καὶ εἶναι

<sup>1</sup> Reiske: τῆς.

<sup>2</sup> τύχη τινός.

<sup>3</sup> Valck: κεντήση.

<sup>4</sup> ἐξοματωταὶ καὶ τὰς κ. λ.

<sup>5</sup> Some words are missing in the sentence: καταγωγὰς <ἐν πάοις ἀποτόμοις> Ἡ, φιλοῦσι δ' <ἐπ' ὅρεσιν> ὅτ' <ἐν σκοπέλοις> Jac, cp. Hdt. 3. 111 πρὸς ἀποκρήμνισι οὐρεσι.

<sup>6</sup> σφοδρᾷ ἰσχυρᾷ.

<sup>7</sup> Reiske: κλάδων.

united host and destroy the Locusts. If however some Galatian should capture one of the birds, his punishment as laid down by the laws of the land is death. But if he is pardoned and let off, this throws the birds into a passion, and to avenge the captured bird they do not deign to respond if they do happen to be invoked again.

20. Aristotle says [HA 519 a 6; Col. 798 a 27] <sup>A white Swallow</sup> that a white Swallow occurs in Samos,<sup>a</sup> and that if one puts out its eyes, it immediately becomes blind, but that later on 'sight is restored and the eyes are enlightened' [Soph. fr. 701 P], and once again it can see, according to his account.

21. I have heard that the *Cinnamomus* is a bird; <sup>The Cinnamon-bird</sup> also that it fetches twigs of the tree that bears its name from the ends of the earth and builds nests in places which our historians, Herodotus [3. 111] and others, describe. And these birds seem to like constructing their couches and lodgings <among sheer crags>. Accordingly those who are anxious to obtain these twigs shoot heavy arrows that go with a tremendous whizz from a bowstring strained to the utmost, at the nests. And the nests are shattered and the twigs come tumbling down, and they are the celebrated *Cinnamon*.

22. Let us make room for Cleitarchus also. <sup>The 'Orion'</sup> He says that in India there occurs a bird with strongly

<sup>a</sup> Ar. mentions white swallows, but Samos is not named in either passage, nor is anything said about the blinding and restoration of its sight. See fr. 524 (Rose, p. 520).

<sup>8</sup> κατολισθαίνει.

σφόδρα ἐρωτικόν, καὶ τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ λέγει ὠρίωνα εἶναι. φέρε δὲ καὶ διαγράψωμεν<sup>1</sup> αὐτὸν τῷ λόγῳ, ὡς ἐκεῖνος διδάσκει. τοῖς μὲν καλουμένοις ἐρωδιοῖς<sup>2</sup> ὁμοῖος τὸ μέγεθος ὁδὲ <ὁ><sup>3</sup> ὠρίων ἐστίν, ἐστὶ δὲ καὶ τὰ σκέλη ὡς ἐκεῖνοί φοῖνιξ, ὀφθαλμοὺς δὲ κυάνους ἔχει (τοῦτο μὲν οὐχ ὡς ἐκεῖνοί), μέλος δὲ μουσουργεῖν ὑπὸ τῆς φύσεως πεπαιδευται, οἷα δῆπου μέλη ὑμεναιοῦται γλυκέα καὶ<sup>4</sup> προσείοντά σειρήνας.

23. Κατρεία <τὸ> ὄνομα, Ἰνδὸν <τὸ><sup>5</sup> γένος, τῇ φύσει ὄρνιν λέγει Κλείταρχος εἶναι τὸ<sup>6</sup> κάλλος ὑπερήφανον. τὸ μέγεθος γὰρ εἴη ἂν κατὰ<sup>7</sup> τὸν ταῶν, τὰ δὲ ἄκρα τῶν πτερῶν ἔοικε σμαράγδῳ. καὶ ὀρώντος μὲν ἄλλοσε<sup>8</sup> οὐκ οἶσθα<sup>9</sup> οἷους ὀφθαλμοὺς ἔχει. εἰ δὲ ἐς σὲ ἀπίδοι, ἐρεῖς κινναβάρινον<sup>10</sup> εἶναι τὸ ὄμμα πλὴν τῆς κόρης· ἐκεῖνη δὲ μηλιάδι<sup>11</sup> τὴν χροάν προσείκασται<sup>12</sup> καὶ βλέπει ὀξύ. τό γε μὴν τοῖς ἀπάντων ὀφθαλμοῖς λευκόν, ἀλλὰ τοῖς τοῦ κατρείως τοῦδε ὠχρόν ἐστι. τὰ <δὲ><sup>13</sup> τῆς κεφαλῆς πτίλα γλαυκωπά, καὶ ἔχει ρανίδας οἷονει κρόκῳ προσεικασμένας<sup>14</sup> εἰτα ἄλλην ἄλλην διεσπαρμένας. πόδες δὲ αὐτῷ σανδαράκινοι. ἔχει δὲ καὶ φώνημα εὐμουσον καὶ κατὰ τὴν ἀηδόνα τορόν. Ἰνδοὶ δὲ ἄρα<sup>15</sup> τὴν ἐξ ὀρνίθων τροφήν. . .<sup>16</sup> εἶχον, ἵνα καὶ οἱ ὀρώντες ἐστίαν τὴν ὀψιν δύνωνται. ἰδεῖν γοῦν αὐτοῖς πάρεστι καὶ

<sup>1</sup> γράψωμεν.

<sup>2</sup> Ges: καλοῦσιν ἐρωδιόν.

<sup>3</sup> <ὁ> add. Bernhardt.

<sup>4</sup> ὑμεναιοῦται γλυκέα καὶ] ὑμένεται ταῦτα γλυκέα καὶ πρὸς τὸν ἀδόμενον ὑμέναιον βλέπει θέλγοντα γονὴν ὕπνω [ὑμνω Ταινρ]

τὴν γαμικῶ.

<sup>5</sup> <τό> . . . <τό> add. H.

amorous propensities and that it is called the *Orion*.<sup>a</sup> Well now, let us depict it as he has described it. This 'Orion' is the same size as the birds they call herons and its legs are red like theirs; its eyes are dark (in this respect it is unlike them), and Nature has taught it to make melody sweet as any bridal song with its alluring charms.

23. Cleitarchus says that the *Catreus*,<sup>b</sup> as it is called, is a native of India, and is a bird of magnificent beauty. It might be about the same size as a peacock; the tips of its feathers are the colour of an emerald, and when it looks in another direction you cannot tell what its eyes are like. If however it looks you in the face, you will pronounce them to be vermilion all except the pupil, and this has a grey hue and a keen glance. And what is white in the eyes of all other birds is pale brown<sup>c</sup> in the *Catreus*. And its head feathers are a blue-grey with saffron-coloured speckles sprinkled here and there. Its legs are an orange colour, and its note is as melodious and clear as the nightingale. Now the use of these birds for food is <prohibited> by the Indians, in order that spectators may feast their eyes upon them. At any rate there are to be seen in India

<sup>a</sup> Otherwise unknown, and fabulous.

<sup>b</sup> Probably the 'Manāl pheasant.'

<sup>c</sup> See W. Beebe, *Monog. of the Phasianidae*, I. 113ff.

<sup>6</sup> Ges: τι.

<sup>8</sup> ὀρών μὲν ἄλλους.

<sup>10</sup> κιννάβαριν.

<sup>12</sup> παρείκασται.

<sup>14</sup> παρεικασμένας.

<sup>16</sup> Lacuna: <ἀπόρρητον> conj. H.

<sup>7</sup> πρὸς.

<sup>9</sup> οἶδας.

<sup>11</sup> μῆλω.

<sup>13</sup> <δὲ> add. H.

<sup>15</sup> ἄρα καί.



ὄλους πορφυροῦς καὶ τῇ καθαρωτάτῃ φλογὶ προσεικότας· καὶ τούτων αἱ πτήσεις κατὰ πληθὸς εἰσιν, ὡς νομίζειν νέφει· ἄλλοι γέ μὴν ποικίλοι καὶ οὐ πάνυ τι τὸ εἶδος εὐρητοί,<sup>1</sup> μελωδίαν δὲ καὶ εὐστομίαν καὶ εὐγλωττίαν ἄμαχοι,<sup>2</sup> ὡς εἶναι, <εἰ><sup>3</sup> μὴ πη καὶ τραχύτερον<sup>4</sup> ἔστιν εἰπεῖν, Σειρήνάς τινας.<sup>5</sup> κατάπτεροι γάρ ὡς ἦσαν αἱ<sup>6</sup> τοῦ μύθου κόραι,<sup>7</sup> ποιηταὶ τε ἄδουσιν καὶ ζωγράφοι δεικνύουσιν.

24. Κύκνου δὲ ἦθη καὶ διατριβαὶ λίμναι τε καὶ ἔλη καὶ τενάγη καὶ ἀέναοι<sup>8</sup> ποταμοὶ πράως καὶ ἡσυχῇ ρέοντες. εἰρηναῖοι δὲ εἰσι καὶ ἐς γῆρας προΐασιν ἑαυτοῖς κοῦφον. εἰσὶ δὲ καὶ ἐς<sup>9</sup> ῥώμην ἄλκιμοι, καὶ θαρροῦσιν αὐτῇ, οὐ μὴν ὥστε ἄρχειν ἀδίκων ἀλλ' ἀμύνεσθαι τὸν ἄρξαντα. ῥαδίως οὖν καὶ τῶν αἰετῶν περιγίνονται, ὅταν ἐκεῖνοι τολμήσωσιν ἐπιθέσθαι αὐτοῖς. καὶ εἶπον ἀνωτέρω τῆς μάχης τὸν τρόπον.

25. Λέγει δὲ Κλείταρχος πιθήκων ἐν Ἰνδοῖς εἶναι γένη ποικίλα τὴν χροάν, μεγέθει δὲ μέγιστα. ἐν δὲ τοῖς χωρίοις τοῖς ὀρείοις τοσαῦτον αὐτῶν τὸ πλήθος<sup>10</sup> εἶναι, ὡς Ἀλέξανδρόν φησι τὸν Φιλίππου καὶ πάνυ καταπλαγῆναι σὺν καὶ τῇ οἰκείᾳ δυνάμει, οἰόμενον ἀθρόους ἰδόντα στρατιάν ὄραν συνελεγε-

<sup>1</sup> ἄλλοι . . . εὐρητοί] καὶ ἄλλα μὴν ποικίλα καὶ οὐ πάντη . . . εὐρητα.

<sup>2</sup> ἄμαχα.

<sup>3</sup> <εἰ> add. Schn.

<sup>4</sup> παχύτερον.

<sup>5</sup> τινας ἢ καὶ τοῦτό γε ἐγγύθεν.

<sup>6</sup> καὶ MSS, καὶ <αἱ> Abresch.

birds entirely scarlet, the colour of the purest flame, and they fly in such multitudes that one would take them for clouds. Others however are mottled and it is not very easy to say what they look like, but for beauty and clarity of tone their singing is unsurpassed; they might be, if the expression is not too strong, Sirens, for these fabled maidens as celebrated by poets and portrayed by artists had wings.

24. The Swan's customary haunts are lakes, marshes, pools, and rivers with a ceaseless, gentle, tranquil flow. They are creatures of peace and attain to an old age that has no burdens for them. Their strength is redoubtable and that gives them confidence, but not to the extent that they are the aggressors in an injury; against an aggressor they will defend themselves. And so they have no difficulty in getting the better of eagles when the latter venture to attack them. I have described earlier on<sup>a</sup> how they do battle.

25. Cleitarchus says that in India there are monkeys of a mottled hue and immense size. And in mountainous districts they are so numerous that, says Cleitarchus, Alexander, the son of Philip, and the army under his command also were quite terrified at the sight of their massed numbers, imagining that they saw an army marshalled and waiting in

<sup>a</sup> See 5. 34.

<sup>7</sup> κόραι καὶ τοὺς πόδας ὀρθὰς ἐδόκουν.

<sup>8</sup> ἀένναοι.

<sup>9</sup> πρὸς.

<sup>10</sup> Jac: μέγεθος.

μένην καὶ ἐλλοχώσαν αὐτόν. ὀρθοὶ δὲ ἄρα ἦσαν οἱ πίθηκοι κατὰ τύχην ἡνίκα ἐφάνησαν. θηρώνται δὲ οὗτοι οὔτε δικτύοις οὔτε κυνῶν ῥινηλατούντων σοφία καὶ μάλα ἀγρευτικῇ. ἔστι δὲ τὸ ζῶον ὀρχηστικόν, εἰ θεῶτο ὀρχούμενον· καὶ θέλει γὰρ αὐλεῖν, εἰ καταπνεῖν μάθοι.<sup>1</sup> πρὸς τούτοις εἰ θεάσαιτό τινα ὑποδήματα τοῖς ποσὶ περιτιθέντα, μιμείται τὴν ὑπόδεσιν· καὶ ὑπογράφοντος<sup>2</sup> τῶ ὀφθαλμῷ μέλανι,<sup>3</sup> καὶ τοῦτο δρᾶσαι θέλει. οὐκοῦν ὑπὲρ τῶν εἰρημένων μολίβου πεποιημένα κοῖλα καὶ βαρέα ὑποδήματα προτιθέασι, βρόχους<sup>4</sup> αὐτοῖς ὑποβαλόντες, ὡς ἐσβαλεῖν μὲν τῷ πόδε, ἔχεσθαι δὲ τῇ πάγῃ καὶ μάλα ἀφύκτω· δέλεαρ δὲ αὐτοῖς ὀφθαλμῶν πρόκειται ὑπὲρ τοῦ μέλανος<sup>5</sup> ἰξός. κατόπτρῳ δὲ χρησάμενος ὁ Ἰνδὸς ὀρώντων ἐκείνων . . .<sup>6</sup> οὐκ εἰσὶ δ' ἔτι τὰ κάτοπτρα, ἀλλὰ ἔτερα προτιθέντες.<sup>7</sup> εἶτα καὶ τούτοις ἑρμάτα ἰσχυρὰ ὑποπλέκουσι· καὶ μὴν τὰ σκευή<sup>8</sup> τοιαῦτά ἐστιν. οἱ μὲν <οὖν><sup>9</sup> ἔρχονται, καὶ ἀπενῶς<sup>10</sup> ὀρώσι<sup>11</sup> κατὰ μίμησιν<sup>12</sup> ὧν<sup>13</sup> εἶδον· ἐκπηδᾷ δὲ ἰσχύς τις κολλητικὴ βλεφάρων ἐκ τῆς πρὸς τὴν αὐγὴν ἀντιτυπίας,<sup>14</sup> ὅταν ἴδωσιν ἀπενές· εἶτα οὐχ ὀρώντες αἰροῦνται ῥᾶστα· φυγεῖν γὰρ ἔτι

<sup>1</sup> μάθοι εἰδέναι.

<sup>2</sup> ὑπογράφοντα MSS, <εἰ> ὑπογρ. Schn.

<sup>3</sup> μέλος τι.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ βρόχους.

<sup>5</sup> μέλλοντος.

<sup>6</sup> Lacuna.

<sup>7</sup> Schn: προτιθέντες MSS, H.

<sup>8</sup> Jac: καὶ μόντοι καὶ MSS, H.

<sup>9</sup> <οὖν> add. Jac.

<sup>10</sup> Gron: ἀπενῶς MSS, γενναίως H.

<sup>11</sup> δρώσι Jac, H.

<sup>12</sup> τὴν μίμησιν.

<sup>13</sup> Jac: ἦν.

<sup>14</sup> ἐκ . . . ἀντιτυπίας corrupt Jac.

ambush for them. You see, the Monkeys happened to be standing upright when they appeared. These creatures are not to be caught with nets or by means of hounds following a scent, however great their skill in hunting. But this Monkey is ready to dance if it sees a man dancing; it is even willing to play the pipe if it could learn how to blow. Further, if it catches sight of someone putting on his shoes, it imitates the action; and if a man underlines his eyes with lamp-black,<sup>a</sup> it is anxious to do this too. Accordingly in place of the aforesaid objects men put out hollow, heavy shoes made of lead, to which they attach a noose underneath, so that when the Monkeys slip their feet into them they are caught <sup>how caught</sup> in the snare and cannot escape. And as a bait for their eyes men put out bird-lime in place of lamp-black. And an Indian after using a mirror in sight of the Monkeys . . .<sup>b</sup> displaying not genuine mirrors but ones of a different kind, on to which they lace strong nooses. Such then is the apparatus which they employ. And so the Monkeys come and gaze steadily, imitating what they have seen. And from the reflecting surface opposite their sight there is a surge of strongly gluey substance that gums up their eyelids, when they gaze intently into it. Then being unable to see, they are caught without any difficulty, for they are no longer able to escape.

<sup>a</sup> Cp. Alexis fr. 98. 16. The *kohl* of modern India is a mixture of lamp-black and castor oil.

<sup>b</sup> The text is defective; to fill the gap one might conjecture something on these lines: '[withdraws, leaving behind him an object resembling it. By such means the Indians attract the creatures,] though what they display are not genuine, etc.'

εἰσὶν ἥκιστοι. εἴρηται μὲν ὑπὲρ πιθήκων καὶ ἄλλα, Ἰνδῶν τε καὶ οὐκ Ἰνδῶν· καὶ ταῦτα δὲ ἔχει τινὰ τῷ συνέντι οὐκ ἀσπούδαστα, οὐ μὰ Δία.

26. Λέοντας ἐν Ἰνδοῖς γίνεσθαι μεγίστους οὐ διαπορώ· τὸ δὲ αἴτιον, τῶν ζώων τῶν ἐτέρων ἥδε ἡ γῆ μήτηρ ἐστὶν ἀγαθή.<sup>1</sup> εἰσὶ δὲ ἀγριώτατοι καὶ θηριωδέστατοι. δέρη <δὲ><sup>2</sup> ἐκείνων <τῶν><sup>3</sup> λεόντων μελαινά τε ἰδεῖν, καὶ φρίξασα ὀρθή τε ἀνίσταται καὶ συνεκπέμπει δέος οἷον ἐκπληκτικόν. εἰ δὲ ἀλῶναι δυνηθεῖν, πραῦννται,<sup>4</sup> ἀλλ' οὐχ οἱ μέγιστοι· καὶ ἡμεροῦνται τε καὶ γίνονται<sup>5</sup> ῥᾶστα τιθασοί, ὡς ἄγειν γε<sup>6</sup> ἀπὸ ῥυτῆρος<sup>7</sup> ἐπὶ θήραν κεμάδων καὶ ἐλάφων καὶ συῶν καὶ ταύρων καὶ ἀγρίων ὄνων. εἰσὶ γὰρ καὶ ῥινηλατῆσαι ὡς ἀκούω δεινοί.

27. Ἐν τῇ Λιβύῃ χώρᾳ ἔθνος ἦν φασὶ τὸ καλούμενον Νόμαιοι. καὶ τὰ μὲν ἄλλα διευτυχοῦντες εὐνόμου μάλα καὶ εὐδαίμονος ναὶ μὰ Δία λήξεως εἴτα ἠφανίσθησαν<sup>8</sup> τελέως, λεόντων αὐτοῖς ἐπελθόντων πλήθει τε παμπόλλων καὶ μεγέθει μεγίστων καὶ τὴν τόλμαν ἀμάχων, ὑφ' ὧν πανδημεῖ τε καὶ παγγενεὶ διαφθαρέντες, εἴτα ἐς τὸ παντελὲς ἀπώλοντο.<sup>9</sup> λεόντων γὰρ ἀθρόων ἐπιδημία χρήμα ἀπρόσμαχον.

<sup>1</sup> ἀγαθὴ ὅσα γε ἐντυχεῖν κατὰ πρόσωπον MSS, ἀγαθὴ. εἰσὶ δέ, ὅσα γε εἰ. κ. π., Jac.

<sup>2</sup> <δὲ> add. H.

<sup>3</sup> <τῶν> add. Reiske.

<sup>4</sup> πραῦννται γε.

<sup>5</sup> γε καὶ γ. γε.

<sup>6</sup> τε.

Now touching Monkeys both Indian and non-Indian I have written an account elsewhere,<sup>a</sup> but the foregoing chapter contains facts that must assuredly interest any man of intelligence.

26. I have no doubt that in India the Lions are of the very largest, the reason being that this country is an excellent mother of other animals. And they are exceedingly wild and savage. The mane of these Lions is black in appearance, and when it bristles and stands upright it inspires such fear as to unnerve a man. But if once they can be captured, they can be tamed, though not the largest of them. And they become gentle and are easily domesticated, so that they can be led by a rein to hunt prickets, deer, swine, bulls, and wild asses, for they are (so I have heard) clever at tracking by scent.

The Indian  
Lion

27. It is said that in Libya there used to exist a race of men called the Nomaei. They continued generally prosperous in a territory where the pastures were good and the land unquestionably rich, until finally they were wiped out when a vast horde of Lions of the very largest size and of irresistible boldness attacked them. The whole race to a man was destroyed by the Lions and perished utterly. A visitation by Lions in a mass is something that no creature can withstand.

The Nomaei  
and Lions

<sup>a</sup> See 5. 26; 7. 21; 6.10; 17. 39.

<sup>7</sup> ῥυτῆρος καὶ κατὰ κυναγωγούς.

<sup>8</sup> ἠφανίσθη.

<sup>9</sup> ἀπώλοντο τὸ ἔθνος.

28. Εὐφορίων δὲ ἐν τοῖς Ὑπομνήμασι λέγει τὴν Σάμον ἐν τοῖς παλαιτάτοις χρόνοις ἐρήμην γενέσθαι· φανῆναι γὰρ ἐν αὐτῇ θηρία μεγέθει μὲν μέγιστα, ἄγρια δέ, καὶ προσπελάσαι τῷ δεινῷ, καλεῖσθαι γε<sup>1</sup> μὴν νηάδας. ἅπερ οὖν καὶ μόνῃ τῇ βοῇ ῥηγνύναι τὴν γῆν. παροιμίαν οὖν ἐν τῇ Σάμῳ διαρρεῖν τὴν λέγουσαν 'μεῖζον βοᾷ τῶν νηάδων', ὅσῳ δὲ ἔτι καὶ νῦν αὐτῶν δείκνυσθαι μέγιστα ὁ αὐτός φησι.

29. Τοῦ Ἰνδῶν βασιλέως ἐλαύνοντος ἐπὶ τοὺς πολεμίους δέκα μυριάδες ἐλεφάντων προηγούνται μαχίμων. ἑτέρους δὲ ἀκούω τρισχιλίους τοὺς μεγίστους τε καὶ ἰσχυροτάτους ἔπεσθαι, οἵπερ οὖν εἰσι πεπαιδευμένοι τὰ τεῖχη τῶν πολεμίων ἀνατρέπειν, ἐμπεσόντες ὅταν κελεύσῃ <ὁ><sup>2</sup> βασιλεὺς ἀνατρέπουσι δὲ τοῖς στήθεσι. καὶ λέγει μὲν ταῦτα Κτησίας,<sup>3</sup> ἀκούσαι γράφων. ἰδεῖν δὲ ἐν Βαβυλῶνι ὁ αὐτὸς λέγει τοὺς φοῖνικας αὐτορρίζους ἀνατρεπομένους ὑπὸ τῶν ἐλεφάντων τὸν αὐτὸν τρόπον, ἐμπιπτόντων τῶν θηρίων αὐτοῖς βιαίότατα· δρῶσι δὲ ἄρα, ἂν<sup>4</sup> ὁ Ἰνδὸς ὁ πωλεύων αὐτοὺς κελεύσῃ δρᾶσαι τοῦτο αὐτοῖς.

30. Ζηνόθεμις λέγει Παιονίδα λίμνην τινὰς φέρειν ἰχθῦς, οὗσπερ οὖν εἰ παραβάλοι τις ἀσπαίροντας τοῖς βουσίν, οἱ δὲ ἐμφοροῦνται αὐτῶν μάλα ἀσμένως, ὡς οἱ λοιποὶ τοῦ χόρτου. νεκρῶν δὲ τῶν ἰχθύων οὐκ ἂν πάσαιντο ἔτι οἱ βόες, ἐκείνος λέγει.

<sup>1</sup> Mein: δέ.

<sup>2</sup> <ὁ> add. H.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ K.

<sup>4</sup> Jac: ἂν ἄρα.

28. Euphorion says in his *Commentaries* that in <sup>The Neades of Samos</sup> primaeval times Samos was uninhabited, for there appeared in the island animals of gigantic size, which were savage and dangerous for a man to approach, and they were called *Neades*. Now these animals with their mere roar split the ground. So there is a proverbial saying current in Samos, 'He roars louder than the Neades.' And the same writer asserts that their huge bones are displayed even to this day.

29. When the Indian King goes to battle against his enemies a hundred thousand Elephants of war <sup>Indian Elephants of war</sup> form the vanguard. And I learn that another three thousand of the largest and strongest bring up the rear, and these have been trained to overturn the enemies' walls by attacking them when the King gives the order; and they overturn them by the weight of their chest. Such is the account given by Ctesias, who writes that this is hearsay. But the same writer says that in Babylon he has seen date-palms completely uprooted by Elephants in the same way, the animals falling upon them with all their force. This they do if their Indian trainer orders them to do so.

30. Zenothemis says that a lake in Paeonia<sup>a</sup> <sup>Fish as cattle-fodder</sup> produces certain Fish, and if these are given, while still gasping, to cattle, the cattle are glad to take their fill of them, as others do of fodder. But if the Fish are dead the cattle refuse to touch them, so he says.

<sup>a</sup> Mountainous district to the N of Macedonia. The lake is unknown.

31. Παρὰ Ἀρμενίοις ἀκούω πέτραιν εἶναι ὑψηλὴν, εἴτα ταύτην ὕδωρ ἐκβάλλειν πάμπουλον. ὑποκείσθαι δὲ τῇ πέτρᾳ πυνθάνομαι κρήνην τετράγωνον πάντη, καὶ ἐκάστην πλευρὰν σταδίου ἡμισυ ἔχειν, βάθος δὲ τριῶν ὀργυιῶν εἶναι. συνεκπίπτειν δὲ τῷ ὕδατι προσακούω τῷ προειρημένῳ καὶ ἰχθύας πολλάκις ἔχοντας τὸ μήκος καὶ πῆγους καὶ ἐτι μείζους καὶ μέντοι καὶ ἐλάττονας, ἀλλ' οὐ κατὰ πολὺ. καὶ τοὺς μὲν αὐτῶν κατολισθαίνειν<sup>1</sup> ἡμιθνήτας, τοὺς δὲ ἀσπαίροντας καὶ μάλα γε ἰσχυρῶς ἀποθνήσκουσιν. εἶναι δὲ αὐτοὺς ἡ φήμῃ λέγει πάνυ σφόδρα μέλανας καὶ ἰδεῖν ἀειδεῖς. ἂν δὲ τούτων<sup>2</sup> γεύσῃται ἢ ἄνθρωπος ἢ θηρίον, παραχρῆμα ἀπόλλυται. τοὺς μὲν οὖν Ἀρμενίους διὰ τὸ ἐνθηρον αὐτοῖς εἶναι καὶ πολυθηρον τὴν γῆν ἀθροίζειν αὐτοὺς καὶ αὐαίνειν ὑπὸ τῇ εἵλῃ τοῦ ἡλίου, εἴτα κόπτειν ἐπιδήσαντάς<sup>3</sup> τι<sup>4</sup> ταῖς ρίσσι καὶ τῷ στόματι, ἵνα μὴ τῷ ἄσθματι σπάσαντες<sup>5</sup> τὸν ἐκ τῶν πτισσομένων<sup>6</sup> ἀέρα<sup>7</sup> εἴτα ἀποθάνωσι. ποιήσαντες οὖν ἄλευρα τοὺς ἰχθύς ἐν τοῖς μάλιστα θηριωδεστάτοις<sup>8</sup> χωρίοις κατασπεύουσιν αὐτά,<sup>9</sup> σὺκά γε μὴν<sup>10</sup> παραμιγνύναι τοῖς ἀλεύροις ἔθος ἔχουσιν. οὕτω μὲν οὖν διαφθείρονται οἱ τε σὺς οἱ ἄγριοι καὶ αἱ δορκάδες καὶ οἱ ἔλαφοι καὶ οἱ ἄρκτοι καὶ οἱ ὄνοι οἱ ἄγριοι καὶ <οἱ><sup>11</sup> αἰγες, ἄγριοι μέντοι καὶ οὔτοι· συκοτράγα γὰρ ταῦτα καὶ ἀλφίτοφάγα τὰ ζῶα ἐστίν.<sup>12</sup> λέοντας δὲ καὶ παρδάλεις καὶ λύκους σαρκοφάγα ὄντα ἐτέρως ἀναιροῦσι. τῶν γὰρ οἴων τῶν ἡμέρων καὶ τῶν

<sup>1</sup> κατολισθαίνειν H.<sup>2</sup> τι τούτων.<sup>3</sup> ὑποδήσαντας.<sup>4</sup> τι κάτω.<sup>5</sup> Jac: ἐκσπᾶσαντες.<sup>6</sup> ἐκ τῶν π.] Jac: ἐκπτισσομένων.

31. I have heard that in Armenia there is a lofty rock which discharges a copious stream of water. And I am told that at the foot of the rock there is a square fountain, each side measuring half a *stade*, and the depth is three fathoms. I learn further that along with the aforesaid water there descend Fish often a cubit long and even more, but sometimes less, though not much less. Some of them collapse half dead, others fall gasping and die a violent death. And report states that they are a deep black and unsightly to look at. And if man or beast eats of them, death follows immediately. Accordingly the Armenians, since their country is infested with numerous wild animals, collect these Fish and dry them by the heat of the sun; they then mince them; after bandaging nose and mouth in order to prevent themselves from inhaling the odours given off by the Fish in the process of being brayed, and so catching their death. Then after making the Fish into meal they sprinkle it about in the districts that are most infested with wild beasts; they even have a custom of mixing figs with the meal. And this is the way in which they destroy wild swine, gazelles, deer, bears, wild asses, and goats, and these too are wild. For these animals eat figs and meal. But they adopt a different device for killing lions, leopards, and wolves, which are carnivorous. They make a

A poisonous  
Fish in  
Armenia<sup>7</sup> ἀέρα, ἢ τὴν ἐγειρομένην ἐκ λεπτῶν τινῶν κόων ἀλφίτων.<sup>8</sup> Ges: θηριωτάτοις.<sup>9</sup> αὐτά, ὧν γενοσάμενα τὰ ζῶα ἀποθνήσκει MSS; the last five words would be appropriate if inserted after ἔθος ἔχουσιν, H (1858).<sup>10</sup> καὶ σὺκά μὴν.<sup>11</sup> <οἱ> add. H.<sup>12</sup> ἐστίν, ἀναιρεῖται δὲ τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον διὰ τὸ πληθὺς.

αἰγῶν παρασχίσαντες τὴν πλευρὰν ἐς ὅσον καθεῖναι τὴν χεῖρα, ἐμπάττουσι<sup>1</sup> τῶν αὐτῶν ἀλεύρων,<sup>2</sup> προκείσθαι κακὸν ναὶ μὰ Δία δέλεαρ τοῖς προειρημένοις. ὅταν οὖν ἡ λέων ἢ πάρδαλις ἢ λύκος ἢ ἄλλο τι τοιοῦτον ἐντύχῃ καὶ γεύσῃται, τέθνηκε παραχρήμα. καὶ πᾶσα μὲν οὖν ἡ Ἀρμενία θηρίων ἀγρίων τροφός τε ἅμα καὶ μήτηρ ἐστίν, ἡ δὲ πεδιάς ἔτι καὶ μᾶλλον ἢ πρὸς τῷ ποταμῷ.

32. Ἐν τῇ Κασπίᾳ γῇ λίμνην ἀκούω μεγίστην εἶναι, καὶ ἰχθὺς ἐν αὐτῇ γίνεσθαι μεγάλους, καὶ ὀξύρυγχοι καλοῦνται.<sup>3</sup> οὐκοῦν οἱ Κάσπιοι θηρώσιν αὐτούς, καὶ διαπάσαντες ἄλσι καὶ ταρίχους, ἐργασάμενοί τε καὶ ἀποφήναντες αὐούς, ἐπισάξαντες καμήλοις κομίζουσιν ἐς Ἑκβάτανα. καὶ ποιοῦσιν ἄλειφα ἐκ τῶνδε τῶν ἰχθύων ἀφελόντες τὴν πιμελήν,<sup>4</sup> τῷ δὲ ἰχθυῖνω ἐλαίῳ χρίονται λιπαρῷ σφόδρα καὶ οὐ δυσώδει, τὰ δὲ ἔντερα ἐξέλκουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ ἔψουσι, καὶ ἐξ αὐτῶν ποιοῦσι κόλλαν καὶ μάλα γε ἐν χρεῖᾳ γίνεσθαι δυναμένην· συνέχει γὰρ πάντα ἐγκρατῶς, καὶ προσέχεται οἷς ἂν προσπλακῇ, καὶ ἰδεῖν ἐστὶ λαμπροτάτη. οὕτω δὲ συνέχει πᾶν ὃ τι ἂν συνδῇσῃ τε καὶ συνάψῃ, ὥς καὶ δέκα ἡμερῶν αὐτὴν βρεχομένην μήτε λύεσθαι μήτε μὴν ἀφίστασθαι. ἀλλὰ καὶ τοὺς τὸν ἐλέφαντα χειρουργοῦντας<sup>5</sup> χρῆσθαι τε αὐτῇ καὶ τὰ ἔργα ἐκπονεῖν κάλλιστα.

<sup>1</sup> ἐμπάττουσι.

<sup>2</sup> κρέων.

<sup>3</sup> καλοῦνται κατὰ τὸ σχῆμα τοῦ προσώπου δηλονότι καὶ προεῖναι ἐς μήκος καὶ ὀκτὼ πηγῶν.

<sup>4</sup> πιμελήν καὶ τοῦ μὲν ταρίχου πιπράσκουσιν MSS, τοὺς . . . , ταρίχους Oud.

<sup>5</sup> Ges: χειροῦντας.

slit in the side of a tame sheep or goat deep enough to admit a hand, and sprinkle in some of that self-same meal, and deadly indeed is the bait which is set before the above-mentioned animals. And so whenever a lion or a leopard or a wolf or other savage beast comes across the body and tastes it, it dies immediately. The whole country of Armenia is in fact the nurse and mother of wild animals, especially the plainlands bordering the river.<sup>a</sup>

32. I have heard that in the land of the Caspii <sup>The 'Oxy-</sup> there is a lake <sup>rhynchus'</sup> of very wide extent, and that in it <sup>fish</sup> there occur large fishes which are called *Oxyrhynchi*.<sup>c</sup> Now the Caspii hunt them and after salting, pickling, and drying them, pack them on to camels and transport them to Ecbatana. And after removing the fat they make meal from these fish; with the oil, which is extremely rich and free from any evil smell, they anoint themselves; but the inwards they extract and boil, and therefrom they make a glue<sup>d</sup> which can be of great service, for it holds all objects together firmly, and sticks to whatever it has been attached to, and is very clear. And it holds all objects which it binds and unites, so tight that even if soaked in water for as much as ten days it will not dissolve or come away. Moreover workers in ivory use it and produce most beautiful pieces.

<sup>a</sup> The river Cyrus flows through the whole length of the Armenian plain.

<sup>b</sup> The Caspian Sea.

<sup>c</sup> 'Evidently a Sturgeon,' Thompson, *Gk. fishes*. This is not identical with the Nile fish of 10. 46.

<sup>d</sup> Isinglass.

33. Λέγει τις λόγος ἐν Κασπίοις ὄρνεον γινεσθαι τὸ μὲν μέγεθος κατὰ τοὺς ἀλεκτρύονας τοὺς μεγίστους, ποικίλον γε μὴν<sup>1</sup> καὶ πολυχρῶα διηριθσμένον. καὶ πέτεται<sup>2</sup> γε ὕπτια<sup>3</sup> ὡς ἀκούω ὑποτεῖναν τῷ τραχήλῳ τὰ σκέλη καὶ οἷον ἀνέχον αὐτοῖς αὐτόν. κλαγγὴν δὲ προῖεσθαι σκυλακίου. ποιεῖσθαι δὲ τὴν πτῆσιν οὐκ ἐν ἀέρι βαθεῖ<sup>4</sup> ἀλλὰ περὶ τὴν γῆν, ἐλαφρίζειν ἐς ὕψος ἑαυτὸ.<sup>5</sup> μὴ δυνάμενον.

Κάσπιος δὲ ἄρα καὶ οὗτος ὄρνις ἢ Ἰνδὸς μᾶλλον (λέγεται γὰρ καὶ ἐκείνῃ τὸ γένος οἱ καὶ ταύτῃ), καὶ εἷη τὸ μέγεθος κατὰ χῆνα ἄν. καὶ ἔχει κεφαλὴν πλατεῖαν μὲν λεπτήν δέ, καὶ τὰ σκέλη οἱ μακρά. καὶ κεκραμένη χρῶα οἱ καὶ μικτή· τὸ μὲν γὰρ νῶτον αὐτῷ πορφυροῖς ἡγλαίεται, τὰ δὲ ὑπὸ τὴν γαστέρα<sup>6</sup> κόκκῳ γνησιωτάτῳ καὶ καλλίστῳ προσείκασται, κεφαλὴ δὲ καὶ δέρη λευκά ἄμφω. φθέγγεται δὲ κατὰ τὴν αἶγα.

34. Αἶγες δὲ Κάσπιαί γίνονται λευκαὶ ἰσχυρῶς, κεράτων<sup>7</sup> δὲ ἄγονοι, <καὶ><sup>8</sup> μικραὶ τὸ μέγεθος καὶ σιμαί.<sup>9</sup> κάμηλοι δ' ἀριθμοῦ<sup>10</sup> πλείους, αἱ μέγισται κατὰ τοὺς ἵππους τοὺς μεγίστους, εὐτρίχες ἄγαν. ἀπαλαὶ γὰρ εἰσι σφόδρα αἱ τούτων τρίχες, ὡς καὶ τοῖς Μιλησίοις ἐρίοις ἀντικρίνεσθαι τὴν μαλακότητα. οὐκοῦν ἐκ τούτων οἱ ἱερεῖς ἐσθήτας<sup>11</sup> ἀμφιέννυνται καὶ οἱ τῶν Κασπίων πλουσιωτάτοί τε καὶ δυνατώτατοι.

<sup>1</sup> γε μὴν τοῖς πτεροῖς.

<sup>3</sup> ὕπτιον.

<sup>5</sup> ἐαυτὸν.

<sup>7</sup> καὶ κεράτων.

<sup>2</sup> πέταται.

<sup>4</sup> βαθεῖαν.

<sup>6</sup> τὸ δὲ ὑπὸ τῇ γαστρὶ.

33. There is a story that among the Caspii there occurs a bird as large as the largest cockerels, of variegated hue, and gay with many colours. And it flies, so I hear, upside down with its legs extended upwards beneath its neck, seeming to sustain itself by these means; and it utters a note like that of a puppy; and it flies not high up in the sky but along the ground, being unable to soar.

The following bird also is a Caspian, or rather an Indian, bird, for its generic type is spoken of both in the latter and in the former connection, and it may be the size of a goose. It has a broad but shallow head and long legs; its colour is variegated, for its back is beautified with purple markings while its belly beneath is the colour of the purest and most splendid scarlet, and its head and throat are both white. It makes a sound like a goat.<sup>a</sup>

34. The Goats of the Caspii are a pure white, but grow no horns; they are small and snub-nosed. Their Camels are past numbering, and the largest are the size of the largest horses and have beautiful hair. For their hair is so fine that it can compare with Milesian wool for softness. Accordingly their priests and the wealthiest and most powerful of the Caspii clothe themselves in garments made from Camels' hair.

<sup>a</sup> These two birds have not been identified; they may even be legendary.

<sup>8</sup> <καὶ> add. H.

<sup>9</sup> Ges: οἶμαι.

<sup>10</sup> Jac: ἀριθμούνται.

<sup>11</sup> ἐσθήτα.

35. Ἐν λόγοις Κρητικοῖς Ἀντήνωρ λέγει τῇ τῶν καλουμένων Ῥαυκίων<sup>1</sup> πόλει ἕκ τινος δαιμονίου προσβολῆς ἐπιφοιτῆσαι μελιττῶν σμῆνος, αἰπερ οὖν ᾄδονται<sup>2</sup> χαλκοειδεῖς, ἐγχρίμπτουσας<sup>3</sup> δὲ ἄρα αὐτοῖς τὰ κέντρα εἰτα μέντοι πικρότατα λυπεῖν. ὦνπερ οὖν ἐκείνους τὴν προσβολὴν οὐ φέροντας ἀναστῆναι τῆς πατρίδος καὶ μέντοι καὶ ἐς χώρον ἐλθεῖν ἄλλον, καὶ οἰκίσαι φίλιάν τῆς μητρίδος, ἵνα Κρητικῶς εἴπω, Ῥαῦκον,<sup>4</sup> εἰ<sup>5</sup> καὶ τοῦ χωρίου ὁ δαίμων ἤλαυνεν αὐτούς, ἀλλὰ γοῦν τελείως<sup>6</sup> ἀποσπασθῆναι τοῦ ὀνόματος οὐχ ὑπομειναντες. λέγει δὲ ὁ Ἀντήνωρ καὶ ἔτι κατὰ τὴν Ἰδὴν τὴν Κρήσσαν ἐκείνου τοῦ γένους τῶν μελιττῶν εἶναι ἰνδάλματα, οὐ πολλὰ μὲν, εἶναι δ' οὖν, καὶ πικρὰ<sup>7</sup> ἐντυχεῖν, ὡς ἐκείναι ἦσαν.

36. Καμήλου κρέας ἡδεται λέων ἐσθίων. καὶ τὸ μαρτύριον, Ἡρόδοτος λέγει ταῖς Ξέρξου καμήλοις ταῖς τὸν σίτον φερούσαις ἐπιθέσθαι λέοντας. τὰ δὲ ἄλλα οὐκ ἐσίνοντο, οὐχ ὑποζύγιον, οὐκ ἄνθρωπον, ἡ δ' ὅς. ὀλίγα δὲ Ἡρόδοτος ἡδεῖ ἐξετάζων τροφήν<sup>8</sup> λεόντων Θρακίων. ἴσασι δὲ καὶ Ἀραβες ταῦτα, καὶ ὅσοι λεόντων καὶ καμήλων μητέρα τε ἅμα καὶ τροφὸν γῆν ἔχουσιν. οὐκ ἂν γοῦν θαυμάσαιμι εἰ φύσει τινὶ ἀπορρήτῳ λέων ἡδεται καμήλου κρέας καὶ μὴ θεασάμενος φαγεῖν, εἰ ποτε

<sup>1</sup> Holstein: Δραυκίων, Ῥακίων.

<sup>2</sup> καλοῦνται.

<sup>3</sup> ἐγχρίμπτουσας.

<sup>4</sup> Ges: Ῥακον.

<sup>5</sup> Ῥ. ἐν αὐτῇ τῇ Κρήτῃ. εἰ.

<sup>6</sup> τελείως.

<sup>7</sup> πικράς.

35. Antenor in his *History of Crete* says that by way of an attack ordained of heaven a swarm of Bees, celebrated as copper-coloured, invaded the city of the people known as Rhaucii<sup>a</sup> and planting their stings in them, inflicted the most grievous pain. So as the people were unable to endure the Bees' attack they quitted their country and went to some other spot where through affection for their 'mother-city,' to use the Cretan idiom, they founded a second Rhaucus, since, even though the god drove them from their home, they could not endure to part utterly with the name. And Antenor states that there are still vestiges of this species of Bee on Mount Ida in Crete; they are not numerous, but they do still exist and are painful to encounter as the former were.

The Rhaucii expelled by Bees

36. The Lion delights to eat the flesh of Camels. Herodotus bears witness to this when he says [7. 125] that Lions fell upon the Camels of Xerxes which were carrying his provisions. But they did no damage to any other living beings, neither beast of burden nor man, so he says. But in his examination of the food of Thracian Lions Herodotus shows little knowledge. The Arabians however, and all whose country is at once the mother and the nurse of Lions, know these things. At any rate I should not be surprised if it were by some mysterious instinct that the Lion, in spite of having never seen one before, delights to eat the flesh of a Camel, if he chances to come across one. For a natural

Lion and Camels

<sup>a</sup> Of the two cities called 'Rhaucus' in Crete one may have lain between Cnossus and Gortyna, while the later foundation was on the eastern slopes of mt Ida.

<sup>8</sup> τροφήν τήνδε καὶ τήνδε κατὰ τὴν ἡδονήν.



ἐντύχοι.<sup>1</sup> ἡ γὰρ φυσικὴ ἐπιθυμία καὶ τοὺς οὐκ ἰδόντας.<sup>2</sup> ἐς τὴν τῆς τροφῆς ἐπιθυμίαν ἀναφλέγει.

37. Ἀμῶντες<sup>3</sup> ἄνθρωποι, τὸν ἀριθμὸν ἑκατάδεκα,<sup>4</sup> τοῦ ἡλίου καταφλέγοντος δάψει<sup>5</sup> πιεζόμενοι ἕνα ἑαυτῶν ἀπέστειλαν ἐκ πηγῆς γειννιώσης κομίσαι ὕδωρ. οὐκοῦν ὁ ἀπὼν τὸ μὲν δρέπανον τὸ ἀμῆτικόν διὰ χειρὸς εἶχε, τὸ δὲ ἀρυστικὸν ἀγγεῖον κατὰ τοῦ ὤμου ἔφερεν. ἔλθων δὲ καταλαμβάνει αἶτον ὑπὸ τινοσ ὄφεως ἐγκρατῶς τε καὶ εὐλαβῶς περιπλακέντα.<sup>6</sup> ἔτυχε δὲ ἄρα καταπτὰς μὲν ἐπ' αὐτὸν ὁ αἶτός, οὐ μὴν<sup>7</sup> τῆς ἐπιβουλῆς ἐγκρατῆς ἐγένετο, οὐδὲ (τοῦτο δὴ τὸ Ὀμηρικόν) τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ τέκνοις τὴν δαῖτα ἐκόμισεν, ἀλλὰ τοῖς ἐκείνου<sup>8</sup> περιπεσὼν ἔρμασιν ἔμελλεν οὐ μὰ Δί' ἀπολεῖν ἀλλ' ἀπολείσθαι. εἰδὼς οὖν ὁ γεωργὸς<sup>9</sup> τὸν μὲν εἶναι Διὸς ἄγγελον καὶ ὑπηρέτην, εἰδὼς γε μὴν κακὸν θηρίον τὸν ὄφιν, τῷ δρεπάνῳ τῷ προειρημένῳ διακόπτει τὸν θῆρα, καὶ μέντοι καὶ τῶν ἀφύκτων ἐκείνων εἰργμῶν τε καὶ δεσμῶν τὸν αἶτον ἀπολύει. ὁδοῦ μέντοι πάρεργον τῷ ἀνδρὶ ταῦτα καὶ δὴ διεπέπρακτο, ἀρυσάμενος δὲ τὸ ὕδωρ ἤκε, καὶ πρὸς τὸν οἶνον κεράσας ὠρεξε πᾶσιν, οἱ δὲ ἄρα ἔπιον<sup>10</sup> καὶ ἀμυστὶ καὶ πολλὰς ἐπὶ τῷ ἀρίστῳ. ἔμελλε δὲ καὶ αὐτὸς ἐπ' ἐκείνους πίεσθαι. ἔτυχε γάρ πως<sup>11</sup> ὑπηρέτης κατ' ἐκείνο τοῦ καιροῦ ἀλλ' οὐ συμπτώτης ὢν. ἐπεὶ δὲ τοῖς χεῖλεσι τὴν κύλικα προσήγεν, ὁ σωθεὶς αἶτός

appetite kindles the desire for a specific food even in those who have never seen it before.

37. Some men, sixteen in all, reaping beneath a blazing sun and oppressed with thirst, despatched one of their number to fetch water from a spring near by. So the man went off with his reaping sickle in his hand and the pail for drawing water over his shoulder. On arrival he found an Eagle wrapped in the powerful grip of a snake. The Eagle happened to have swooped upon it but failed to achieve its design and could not, as in Homer [Il. 12. 219], carry their food to its young ones. Instead of that it fell into the serpent's coils and so far from killing was likely to be killed. So the husbandman knowing that the Eagle was the messenger and minister of Zeus and knowing too that the snake was an evil brute, cut the beast in two with the aforesaid sickle and released the Eagle from that inescapable grip that bound it. And yet all this was performed as a secondary purpose of the man's journey, and after drawing the water he returned, mixed it with the wine, and dispensed it to the company, whereupon they drained their cups at a single draught many times over at their luncheon. The man himself was intending to drink after the others, for he happened at that time to be rather their servant than their fellow at table. But when he raised the cup to his lips, the Eagle which

An Eagle's  
gratitude

<sup>1</sup> Jac: ἐντύχη MSS, followed by καὶ πρῶτον del. H.

<sup>2</sup> Ges: εἰδόντας.

<sup>3</sup> Reiske: ἀλοῶντες.

<sup>4</sup> τὸν ἀρ. ἐκ. in MSS after πιεζόμενοι.

<sup>5</sup> δάψει.

<sup>6</sup> περιπλακέντα ἀποπνιγόμενον ἤδη.

<sup>7</sup> οὐ μὴν κρείττων γενόμενος οὐδέ.

<sup>8</sup> ταῖς ἐκείνου στείραις.

<sup>9</sup> γεωργὸς ἢ ἀκούων.

<sup>10</sup> ἐξέπιον.

<sup>11</sup> πως after ἐκείνο in MSS.

ζωάγρια ἐκτίνων οἱ καὶ κατὰ τύχην ἀγαθὴν ἐκείνου ἔτι διατρίβων περὶ τὸν χώρον ἐμπίπτει τῇ κύλικι, καὶ ἐκταράττει αὐτήν, καὶ ἐκχεῖ τὸ ποτόν. ὁ δὲ ἡγανάκτησεν (καὶ γὰρ ἔτυχε διψῶν) καὶ λέγει 'εἴτα μέντοι σὺ ἐκείνος ὢν' (καὶ γὰρ τὸν ὄρνιν ἐγνώρισε) 'τοιαύτας ἀποδίδως τοῖς σωτήρησι τὰς χάριτας; ἀλλὰ πῶς ἔτι ταῦτα καλὰ; πῶς δ' αὖ καὶ ἄλλος σπουδὴν καταθέσθαι θελήσειεν <sup>1</sup> ἔς τινα αἰδοῖ Διὸς χαρίτων ἐφόρου τε καὶ ἐπόπτου; καὶ τῷ μὲν ταῦτα εἴρητο, καὶ ἐφρύνετο. ὁρᾷ δὲ ἐπιστραφεὶς τοὺς πίνοντας ἀσπαίροντάς τε καὶ ἀποθνήσκοντας. ἦν δὲ ἄρα ὡς συμβαλεῖν ἐμμηκεῶς ἔς τὴν πηγὴν ὁ ὄφης καὶ κεράσας αὐτὴν τῷ ἰῷ. ὁ μὲν οὖν αἰετὸς τῷ σώσαντι ἰσοτίμον τῆς <sup>2</sup> σωτηρίας ἀπέδωκε τὸν μισθόν. λέγει δὲ Κράτης ὁ Περγαμηνὸς ὑπὲρ τούτων καὶ τὸν Σττισίχορον ᾄδειν ἐν τινι ποιήματι οὐκ ἐκφοιτήσαντί <sup>3</sup> που ἔς πολλούς, σεμνόν τε καὶ ἀρχαῖον ὥς γε κρίνειν ἐμὲ τὸν μάρτυρα ἐσάγων.

38. Ἐν θαλάττῃ τῇ Κασπίᾳ <sup>4</sup> εἰσὶ νῆσοί φασι, καὶ γίνονται ἐν αὐταῖς ὄρνιθες διάφοροι μὲν καὶ ἄλλοι, εἰς δὲ εἰληχῶς τοιαύτην ἰδιότητα. εἶναι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοὺς χήνας τὸ μέγεθός φασι αὐτόν, <sup>5</sup> πόδας δὲ ἔχειν <sup>6</sup> ἐμφερεῖς γεράνῳ. καὶ τὰ μὲν νῶτα κοκκοβαφεῖ καὶ σφόδρα ἀκράτως, τὰ δὲ ὑπὸ τὴν γαστέρα πράσινα. τὴν δέρην δὲ λευκὸν εἶναι, καὶ τινας καὶ ρανίδας οἰοῖ διασπαρείσας κροκοειδεῖς ἔχειν. μήκος δὲ εἰληχέειν οὐ μείον

<sup>1</sup> Bernhardt: θελήσει.

<sup>2</sup> ἰσοτίμον τῆς] ἀμοιβὴν τῆς ἰσοτίμου.

<sup>3</sup> Ges: εἰσφοιτήσαντι.

he had rescued and which, fortunately for him, was still lingering about the spot, to reward him for saving its life swooped upon the cup, dashed it from his hand, and spilt the drink. The man was annoyed, for he was indeed thirsty, and exclaimed 'So it is you' (for he recognised the bird), 'yet this is how you thank those who saved your life! I ask you, is this fair? And how should a man hereafter want to do a good turn to another from respect for Zeus who marks and watches over kind actions?' Such were his words and he felt parched. But turning round he saw the men who had drunk gasping and at the point of death. It seems, at a guess, that the snake had vomited into the spring and mingled the water with its poison. And so the Eagle repaid its saviour by similarly saving his life.

Crates of Pergamum says that Stesichorus also sings of this in a poem which has not, I think, reached a wide public, and he has cited, in my opinion, a weighty witness from ancient times.

38. In the Caspian Sea, they say, there are islands in which there occur birds of different species, but one species has this peculiarity. It is said to be the size of a goose, though its legs resemble those of a crane. Its back is an intense scarlet, while its belly below is green. The neck is white and has saffron-coloured dots as it were sprinkled over it. It

A bird from the Caspian Sea

<sup>4</sup> Reiske: τῆς Κασπίας.

<sup>5</sup> αὐτόν ἀλλὰ καὶ τὸν εὐγενῆ χήνα καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους ἰδεῖν ὑπερέχει.

<sup>6</sup> ἔχει.

πήχεων δύο, κεφαλὴν δὲ ἄρα λεπτήν τε ἅμα καὶ μακράν, τὸ ῥάμφος μέλαν· φωνὴν τε ἀφιέναι ἐμφερῇ τοῖς βατράχοις.

39. Ἐν τῇ Πρασιακῇ<sup>1</sup> χώρα (Ἰνδῶν δὲ αὕτη ἐστὶ) Μεγασθένης φησὶ πιθήκους εἶναι τῶν μεγίστων κυνῶν οὐ μείους, ἔχειν δὲ οὐρὰς πήχεων πέντε· προσπεφυκέναι δὲ ἄρα αὐτοῖς καὶ προκόμια καὶ πώγωνα καθειμένους καὶ βαθεῖς· καὶ τὸ μὲν πρόσωπον πᾶν εἶναι λευκούς, τὸ σῶμα δὲ μέλανας ἰδεῖν, ἡμέρους δὲ καὶ φιλανθρωποτάτους, καὶ τὸ τοῖς ἀλλαχόθι πιθήκοις συμφυῆς οὐκ ἔχειν τὸ κακότηες.

40. Ἐν Ἰνδοῖς ἐστὶ χώρα περὶ τὸν Ἀσταβόραν<sup>2</sup> ποταμὸν ἐν τοῖς καλουμένοις Ῥιζοφάγοις. κατὰ τὴν τοῦ Σειρίου τοῖνυν ἐπιτολὴν κωνώπων νέφη τινὰ ἐκπληκτικὰ καὶ οἷα<sup>3</sup> τὸν ἄερα καταλαβεῖν ἐπιφανέντα· εἰτα μέντοι ἐλύπησε πολλὰ.<sup>4</sup> κατὰ μέντοι τὴν λίμνην τὴν καλουμένην Ἀορατίαν<sup>5</sup> (Ἰνδῶν δὲ ἄρα καὶ αὕτη· πλησίον <δέ><sup>6</sup> ἐστὶ τοῦ προειρημένου ποταμοῦ) τοῦτο<sup>7</sup> μὲν τὸ θηρίον τὸν κώνωπα ἐπιπολάζειν ἔρημον δὲ καὶ εἶναι τὸν χώρον καὶ καλεῖσθαι. τὴν δὲ αἰτίαν ἐκεῖνην Ἰνδοὶ φασιν οἱ κύκλῳ περιουκούντες, τὸν χώρον τὸν προειρημένον οὐκ ἀνωθεν οὐδὲ ἐξ ἀρχῆς ἄγονον ἀνθρώπων γενέσθαι, σκορπίους δὲ ἐπιπολάσαι πλῆθος ἁμαχόν, καὶ φалаγγίων τινὰ

<sup>1</sup> Schn: Πρασιακῇ.

<sup>2</sup> Gron: Ἀσταβάραν, Ἔστα- etc. MSS, Ἀσταβόρραν H.

<sup>3</sup> Jac: οἷα τινα.

<sup>5</sup> Ἀορατίαν L.

<sup>7</sup> καὶ τοῦτο.

<sup>4</sup> τινα πολλά.

<sup>6</sup> <δέ> add. H.

measures not less than two cubits; its head is narrow and long, its beak black, and its cry is like a frog's.<sup>a</sup>

39. Megasthenes says that in the country of the Prasii (this is a part of India) there are Monkeys as large as the largest hounds, and that they have tails five cubits long. They have also forelocks and thick, pendent beards. Their face is completely white, whereas their body is black, and they are tame and very fond of human beings, and they have not the naturally mischievous temperament of Monkeys elsewhere.<sup>b</sup>

Monkeys of Prasias

40. In India there is a region that lies about the river Astaboras<sup>c</sup> in the country of the *Rhizophagi* (root-eaters), as they are called. About the time of the rising of the Dog-star Mosquitoes, which appear in terrifying clouds such as to fill the sky, work widespread damage. It is about the lake called Aoratia<sup>d</sup> (this too is in India, not far from the aforesaid river) that these insects, the Mosquitoes, abound, and the district not only is but is called a desert. And the Indians who live round about give the following reason for it: the aforesaid district was not formerly or originally barren of human beings, but scorpions overran the country in numbers that defied resistance, and in addition there came a

Population expelled by Mosquitoes, Scorpions, and Spiders

<sup>a</sup> This 'reads like an imaginative account of the Flamingo' (Thompson, *Gk. birds*, p. 131).

<sup>b</sup> This is perhaps the *Presbytis johni* Fisch., Gossen § 239.

<sup>c</sup> The Astaboras (mod. Atbara) rises about Lat. 12, in Abyssinia, and flows N to join the Nile. Ael. appears to regard India as embracing NE Africa.

<sup>d</sup> Perhaps Lake Tana, not far from the sources of the river Atbara.

ἐπιφοιτῆσαι φοράν, φαλαγγίων δὲ ἃ καλοῦσι τετράγναθα. τεκεῖν δὲ ἄρα τὰ κακὰ ταυτὰ φασιν ἀέρων<sup>1</sup> πονηρίαν. καὶ τέως<sup>2</sup> μὲν ἐγκαρτερεῖν τοὺς ἐκείθι τλημόνως τοῦ κακοῦ τὴν προσβολὴν καὶ φιλοπόνως ὑπομείναντας· ἐπεὶ δὲ ἦν παντελῶς ἄμαχον, καὶ διεφθείροντο ἡλικία πάσα, εἶτα μέντοι τελευτώντες ὑπ' ἀπορίας τοῦ ἀμύνεσθαι τὴν καταβολὴν τῆς ἐπιδημίας<sup>3</sup> τῆς προειρημένης ἐξέλιπον τὴν χώραν, καὶ ἐρήμην εἶασαν τὴν φίλην καὶ πρότερον ἀρίστην πατρίδα·<sup>4</sup> οὐχ ἁμαρτήσομαι δὲ ὥσως οὐδὲ μητρίδα εἰπὼν τὴν αὐτήν.

41. Μυῶν ἀρουραίων ἐπιφοιτήσις καὶ στόλος οὐ μὰ τοὺς θεοὺς χρηστός τῶν ἐν Ἰταλίᾳ τινὰς ἐξήλασαν τῆς πατρῴας γῆς, καὶ φυγάδας ἀπέφηναν<sup>5</sup> δίκην αὐχμῶν ἢ κρυμῶν ἢ τινος ἀκαιρίας ὥρων ἑτέρας τὰ μὲν λήια κείροντες,<sup>6</sup> διακόπτοντες δὲ τὰς ρίζας. τῇ Μηδικῇ δὲ ἐπιφοιτήσαντες στρουθῶν<sup>7</sup> φορά, ἐξήλασαν καὶ ἐκεῖνοι τοὺς κατοικοῦντας, διαφθείροντες τὰ σπέρματα καὶ ἀφανίζοντες αὐτά. βάτραχοι δὲ ἡμιτελεῖς πεσόντες ἐξ αἰέρος πολλοὶ Αὐταριάτας<sup>8</sup> μετώκισαν<sup>9</sup> ἐς χώρον ἕτερον. καὶ γένος μέντοι Λιβυστινόν, οὐ καὶ ἀνωτέρω μνήμην ἐποιήσαμην, ἐπιφοιτησάντων αὐτοῖς λεόντων, εἶτα αὐτοὺς ἀναστήναι τῆς πατρῴας γῆς ἐξενίκησαν.

<sup>1</sup> Reiske: ὄμβρων.

<sup>2</sup> Jac: πῶς.

<sup>3</sup> Jac: ἐπιμελείας.

<sup>4</sup> Gow: τὴν φίλην πρότερον καὶ πατρίδα ἀρίστην corrupt H.

crop of certain spiders which they call 'four-jawed.' Now they say that these plagues tainted the air. For a time the inhabitants courageously held out against the invading plague and stood their ground energetically, but when resistance became utterly impossible and all their men-folk were destroyed, then at length, being at their wits' end how to defend themselves against the attack of the aforesaid visitants, they abandoned the country, and left their cherished and once most kindly fatherland a desert. Perhaps I shall not be wrong if I say that it was not even their 'motherland.'<sup>a</sup>

41. The incursion of an army of Fieldmice, far from beneficial, I can assure you, drove certain people <sup>A plague of Fieldmice</sup> in Italy from their native country, and made them exiles, as a drought or frost or some other unseasonable event might have done, by shearing away the ears of corn and cutting through the roots. And a horde of Sparrows <sup>of Sparrows</sup> invaded Media and drove out the inhabitants by ruining and destroying the seeds. And half-formed Frogs fell in quantities from the sky <sup>of Frogs</sup> causing the Autariatae<sup>b</sup> to emigrate to some other place. Further, a tribe in Libya, whom I have mentioned earlier on,<sup>c</sup> were compelled by an invasion of Lions <sup>of Lions</sup> to quit their native country.

<sup>a</sup> Cp. Plato, *Rep.* 575 p.

<sup>b</sup> A tribe in Mysia.

<sup>c</sup> Ch. 27.

<sup>5</sup> ἀπέφηναν λυμαινόμενοι καὶ λήια καὶ φυγά.

<sup>6</sup> λήια κείροντες] διακείροντες.

<sup>7</sup> Jac: τυθων.

<sup>8</sup> Schn: Αὐτωριάτας.

<sup>9</sup> Cas: Ἰνδῶν μετώκισαν.

42. Ἐν τῇ Βαβυλωνίᾳ γῇ γίνονται μύρμηκες, καὶ ἔχουσι τὸ παιδοποιὸν σῶμα ἐς τοῦπίσω μετεστραμμένον, ἀντίως τοῖς ἄλλοις καὶ ἔμπαλιν.

42. In Babylonia there occur Ants<sup>a</sup> with the generative part of their body turned in a backward direction, contrary to its position in Ants elsewhere. Ants of Babylonia

43. Πάρδαλις Καρικῇ καὶ Λυκιακῇ οὐκ ἔστι μὲν θυμική, οὐδὲ οἷα σφόδρα ἀλτική εἶναι, τὸ σῶμα δὲ μακρά· τιτρωσκομένη δὲ καὶ δόρασι καὶ αἰχμαῖς ἀντίτυπός ἐστι, καὶ οὐ ῥαδίως τῷ σιδήρῳ εἵκει, τοῦτο δὲ τὸ Ὀμηρικὸν δρῶσα

43. The Leopard of Caria and Lycia is not fierce-tempered, nor of a kind that can leap high, though its body is long. But when wounded with pikes and spears it offers resistance and does not readily yield to the steel, behaving as Homer describes [*Il.* 21. 577]: The Leopard of Caria

ἢ ῥά τε καὶ περὶ δουρὶ πεπαρμένη οὐκ ἀπολήγει.

‘Yet though pierced with a spear she does not cease.’<sup>b</sup>

44. Ῥινόκερωτος δὲ εἶδος γράφειν τρισέωλον ἔστιν· ἴσασι γὰρ καὶ Ἑλλήνων πολλοὶ καὶ Ῥωμαίων τεθεαμένοι.<sup>1</sup> τὰ δὲ ἴδια αὐτοῦ <τά><sup>2</sup> κατὰ τὸν βίον εἰπεῖν οὐ χεῖρόν ἐστιν. ἐπ’ ἄκρας τῆς ῥινὸς τὸ κέρασ φέρει, ἔνθεν τοι <καὶ><sup>3</sup> κέκληται· καὶ ἔστι μὲν ὀξύτατον ἐπ’ ἄκρον, σιδήρῳ δὲ τὸ καρτέρον αὐτοῦ προσείκασται. ταῖς γέ μιν πέτραις<sup>4</sup> αὐτὸ παρὰ τριβῶν εἰτὰ ἐπιθήσει ἐλέφαντι ὁμόσε ἰών, τὰ δὲ ἄλλα οὐκ ὦν ἀξιόμαχος, διὰ τε τὸ ἐκείνου ὕψος καὶ τὴν ῥώμην τὴν τοῦ θηρὸς τὴν τοσαύτην. ὕπεισιν οὖν αὐτοῦ τὰ σκέλη, καὶ τὴν νηδὺν ὑποτέμνει τε καὶ ὑποσχίζει τῷ κέρατι· ὁ δὲ οὐ μετὰ μακρόν<sup>5</sup> ἐκρύνετος οἱ τοῦ αἵματος κατολισθάνει. μάχῃ δὲ ῥινόκερωτος πρὸς ἐλέφαντα ὑπὲρ τῆς νομῆς ἐστί, καὶ πολλοῖς γ’ ἐλέφασιν<sup>6</sup> ἐντυχεῖν ἐστί· τεθνεῶσι τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον. εἰ δὲ μὴ φθάσῃ ὁ ῥινόκερως δρᾶσας

44. A description of the shape and appearance of the Rhinoceros would be stale three times over, for there are many Greeks and Romans who know it from having seen it. But there is no harm in describing the characteristics of its way of life. It has a horn at the end of its nose, hence its name. The tip of the horn is exceedingly sharp and its strength has been compared to iron. Moreover it whets it on rocks and will then attack an Elephant in close combat, although in other respects it is no match for it because of the Elephant’s height and immense strength. And so the Rhinoceros gets under its legs and gashes and rips up its belly from below with its horn, and in a short space the Elephant collapses from loss of blood. Rhinoceros and Elephant fight for possession of a feeding ground, and one may come across many an Elephant that has met its death in the above manner. If however the Rhinoceros is The Rhinoceros

<sup>1</sup> οἱ τεθεαμένοι.

<sup>2</sup> <καὶ> add. H.

<sup>3</sup> Ges: μικρόν.

<sup>4</sup> <τά> add. H.

<sup>5</sup> ταῖς πέτραις γε μὴν.

<sup>6</sup> γέ φασιν.

<sup>a</sup> These are fabulous.

<sup>b</sup> Add ‘from her courage,’ ἀλκῆς in l. 578.

τοῦτο, ἀλλὰ ὑποτρέχων πως [ὑποπεσόντος]<sup>1</sup> πιεσθῇ, περιβαλλόμενος<sup>2</sup> τὴν προβοσκίδα κατέχει καὶ πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ἔλκει, ἐμπίπτων δὲ τοῖς κέρασι κατακόπτει ὡς πελέκεσιν. εἰ γὰρ καὶ φορὴν ὁ ῥινόκερως ἔχει στερεὰν καὶ δυσδιακόντιστον, ἀλλ' ἢ βία τοῦ ἐμπίπτοντος μάλα καρτερά.

45. Ἀγριώτατον δὲ ἄρα ἦσαν τῶν ζῴων οἱ τῶν Αἰθιοπίων ταῦροι οἱ<sup>3</sup> καλούμενοι σαρκοφάγοι. καὶ εἰσι μὲν τὸ μέγεθος τῶν παρὰ τοῖς Ἑλλήσι διπλασίους, ὥκιστοι δὲ τὸ τάχος. εἰσι <δὲ><sup>4</sup> πυρρότριχες, γλαυκοὶ τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς, καὶ ὑπὲρ τοὺς λέοντας οὔτοι. τὰ κέρατα δὲ τὸν μὲν ἄλλον χρόνον κινεῖσιν ὡς καὶ τὰ ὦτα, ἐν δὲ ταῖς μάχαις ἐγείρουσιν<sup>5</sup> αὐτὰ καὶ ἀναστήσαντες ἰσχυρῶς,<sup>6</sup> εἴτα οὕτω μάχονται· τὰ δὲ οὐ κλίνεται<sup>7</sup> ὑπὸ τοῦ θυμοῦ ἀνεστῶτα, φύσει ναὶ μὰ Δία θαυμαστῇ. ἄτρωτοι δὲ εἰσι καὶ λόγχαις καὶ βέλει παντί· ὁ γὰρ τοι σιδήρεος<sup>8</sup> οὐκ εἰσδύεται· φρίξας γὰρ ὁ ταῦρος ἐκβάλλει αὐτὸν μάτην προσπεσόντα. ἐπιτίθεται δὲ καὶ ἵππων ἀγέλαις<sup>9</sup> καὶ θηρίων ἄλλων. οἱ τοῖνυν νομεῖς ἐπαρκεῖν ταῖς ἑαυτῶν ἀγέλαις βουλόμενοι τάφρους<sup>10</sup> κρυπτὰς ἐργάζονται βαθείας, καὶ ταύταις αὐτοὺς ἐλλοχῶσιν· οἱ δὲ ὅταν ἐμπίσωσιν, ὑπὸ τοῦ θυμοῦ ἀποπνίγονται. κέκριται δὲ παρὰ τοῖς Τρωγλοδύταις τοῦτο τὸ ζῷον δικαίως ἄριστον· ἔχει μὲν γὰρ λέοντος τὴν ἀλκὴν, τὴν δὲ ὠκύτητα ἵππου, ῥώμην δὲ ταύρου, σιδήρου δὲ κρεῖττον ἐστὶ.

<sup>1</sup> [ὑποπεσόντος] del. H, ὑπ' ἐμπεσόντος Schn.

<sup>2</sup> περιβαλλόμενος <ὁ ἐλέφας> add. Ges.

<sup>3</sup> καί.

<sup>4</sup> <δὲ> add. H.

not quick enough to do as described but is crushed as it runs underneath, the Elephant slings its trunk round it, holds it fast, drags it towards itself, falls upon it, and with its tusks hacks it to pieces as with axes. For even though the Rhinoceros has a hide so strong that no arrow can pierce it, yet the might of its assailant is extremely powerful.

45. It seems that those Ethiopian Bulls which they call 'flesh-eaters' are the most savage of animals. They are twice the size of Bulls in Greece, and their speed is very great. Their hair is red, their eyes blue-grey, more so than the eyes of lions. In normal times they move their horns as they do their ears, but when fighting they raise them, making them stand strongly up, and so do battle; and once raised in passion owing to some truly wonderful natural cause their horns do not go aslant. No spear, no arrow can wound them: iron, you see, does not penetrate their hide, for the Bull raises its bristles and throws off the weapons showered upon it in vain. And it attacks herds of horses and also wild animals. Accordingly herdsmen who wish to protect their flocks dig deep concealed ditches and by these means ambush the Bulls. And when they fall into these ditches they are choked with rage. Among the Troglodytes this is judged to be the king of beasts, and rightly so, for it possesses the courage of a lion, the speed of a horse, the strength of a bull, and is stronger than iron.

The flesh-eating Bull of Ethiopia

<sup>5</sup> Wesseling: σπείρουσιν.

<sup>7</sup> κλίνονται.

<sup>9</sup> ἀγέλαις καὶ ποιμναῖς.

<sup>6</sup> αὐτοὺς ἰσχυρῶς.

<sup>8</sup> σιδήρεος <αὐτοὺς> οὐκ? H.

<sup>10</sup> τάφρους αὐταῖς.

46. Λέγει Μνασέας ἐν τῇ Εὐρώπῃ Ἡρακλέους <sup>1</sup> ἱερὸν εἶναι καὶ τῆς τοῦτου γαμετῆς, ἣν ἄδουσιν οἱ ποιηταὶ τῆς Ἥρας θυγατέρα. οὐκοῦν ἐν τῷ τοῦ νεῷ περιβόλῳ τιθασοὺς ὄρνιθας τρέφεσθαι πολλοὺς φησι, καὶ τοῦτο δέ, εἶναι ἀλεκτρυόνας τε καὶ ἀλεκτορίδας τοῦσδε τοὺς ὄρνεις, <sup>2</sup> νέμονται δὲ καὶ συναγέλονται σφισι κατὰ γένος, καὶ δημοσίας ἔχουσι τροφάς, καὶ τῶν θεῶν ἀναθήματά εἰσι τῶν προειρημένων. αἱ μὲν οὖν ἀλεκτορίδες ἐν τῷ τῆς Ἥρας <sup>3</sup> νέμονται νεῷ, οἱ δὲ ἐν Ἡρακλέους οἱ τῶνδε γαμέται. ὀχετὸς δὲ ἄρα ἀενάου <sup>4</sup> τε καὶ καθαροῦ ὕδατος διαρρεῖ μέσος. θήλυς μὲν οὖν οὐδὲ εἰς ἐς Ἡρακλέους πάρεισιν· οἱ δὲ ἄρρενες, ὅταν ἡ καιρὸς ἐπιθόρνυσθαι, ὑπερπέονται τὸν ὀχετόν, εἰτα ὁμιλήσαντες ταῖς θηλείαις ἐπανίσκιν· ἐς τὰ σφέτερα αὖθις παρὰ <sup>5</sup> τὸν θεὸν ᾧ λατρεύουσι, καθηράμενοι τῷ διεύργοντι τὰ γένη τῶν ὀρνίθων ὕδατι. τίκεται οὖν, οἷα εἰκός, πρῶτον μὲν <sup>6</sup> ἐκ τῆς ὁμιλίας ᾧ· εἰτα ὅταν αὐτὰ θάλψωσι καὶ ἐκλέψωσι τοὺς νεοττοὺς αἱ μητέρες, τοὺς υἱεῖς οἱ ἄρρενες παρ' ἑαυτοὺς ἄγουσι καὶ ἐκτρέφουσιν. αἱ δὲ ὄρνεις, <sup>7</sup> ἐκείναις <sup>8</sup> ἔργον ἐστὶ τρέφειν τὰς θυγατέρας.

<sup>1</sup> Εὐρώπῃ Διὸς Ἥ.

<sup>2</sup> Ges: Ἥρας.

<sup>3</sup> Abresch: περί.

<sup>4</sup> ὄρνεις.

<sup>2</sup> ὄρνεις.

<sup>4</sup> ἀενάου.

<sup>6</sup> πρῶτα.

<sup>8</sup> καὶ ἐκείναις.

46. Mnaseas in his work *On Europe* says that there is a temple to Heracles and to his spouse whom poets celebrate as the daughter of Hera. Now they say that in the precincts of these temples a large number of tame birds are kept, adding that these birds are cockerels and hens. They feed and consort together according to their sex, are fed at the public expense, and are consecrated to the aforesaid gods. The hens feed in the temple of Hebe while their mates feed in the temple of Heracles. And a never-failing channel of clear water flows between them. Now on the one hand not a single hen ever appears in the temple of Heracles. On the other hand at the season of mating the cockerels fly across the channel and after consorting with the hens return again to their own quarters at the side of the god whom they serve, cleansed by the water that separates the sexes. And so to begin with, as a natural result of this union eggs are laid; later on when the hens have warmed them and hatched the chicks, the cockerels carry off the male birds and rear them, while the hens make it their business to rear their daughters.

Cockerels  
and Hens in  
the temples  
of Heracles  
and Hebe

**EPILOGUE**



## ΕΠΙΛΟΓΟΣ

"Όσα μὲν οὖν σπουδὴ τε ἐμὴ καὶ φροντίς καὶ πόνος καὶ ἐς τὸ πλεόν μαθεῖν καὶ ἐν τοῖσδε ἡ γνῶμη προχωροῦσα ἀνίχνευσέ τε καὶ ἀνεῦρε, δοκίμων τε ἀνδρῶν καὶ φιλοσόφων ἀγώνισμα θεμένων τὴν ἐπ' αὐτοῖς ἐμπειρίαν, καὶ δὴ λέλεκταί μοι, ὥς οἶόν τε ἦν εἰπεῖν, μὴ παραλείποντι ἅπερ ἔγνωι μηδὲ βλακεύοντι, ὥς ἀλόγου τε καὶ ἀφώνου ἀγέλης ὑπεριδόντι καὶ ἀτιμάσαντι, ἀλλὰ κἀνταῦθα ἔρως με σοφίας ὁ σύννοκός τε καὶ ὁ συμφυῆς ἐξέκαυσεν. οὐκ ἄγνωῷ δὲ ὅτι ἄρα<sup>1</sup> καὶ τῶν ἐς χρήματα ὀρώντων ὀξὺ καὶ τεθηγμένων ἐς τιμάς τε καὶ δυνάμεις τινὲς καὶ πᾶν τὸ φιλόδοξον δι' αἰτίας ἔξουσιν, εἰ τὴν ἑμᾶντοῦ σχολὴν κατεθέμην ἐς<sup>2</sup> ταῦτα, ἔξόν καὶ ὠφρυνῶσθαι καὶ ἐν ταῖς αὐλαῖς ἐξετάζεσθαι καὶ ἐπὶ μέγα προήκειν πλούτου. ἐγὼ δὲ ὑπὲρ τε ἁλωπέκων καὶ σαυρῶν καὶ κανθάρων καὶ ὄφειων καὶ λεόντων καὶ τί δρᾷ πάρδαλις καὶ ὅπως πελαργὸς φιλόστοργον καὶ ὅτι ἀηδὼν εὔστομον καὶ πῶς φιλόσοφον<sup>3</sup> ἐλέφας καὶ εἷδη ἰχθύων καὶ γεράνων ἀποδημίας καὶ δρακόντων φύσεις καὶ τὰ λοιπὰ ὅσα ἦδε ἡ συγγραφὴ πεπονημένως ἔχει καὶ φυλάττει, περιέρχομαι· ἀλλὰ οὐ μοι φίλον

<sup>1</sup> ἄρα ὅτι.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ εἰς.

<sup>3</sup> θυμόσοφον Ges.

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All that my own application, reflection, and labour to augment my knowledge, all that the advance of understanding in these studies (as eminent scholars vied with each other in acquainting themselves with these matters) have traced out and discovered—all this I have now set down to the best of my ability. I have not through idleness omitted anything that I have learnt, as though animals, void of reason and of speech, were beneath my notice and to be despised; but here as elsewhere I have been fired by that love of knowledge which in me is inherent and innate. I am well aware that among those who keep a sharp look-out for money, or who are keen in the pursuit of honours and influence and all that brings reputation, there are some who will blame me for devoting my leisure to these studies, when I might have given myself airs and appeared in palaces and attained to considerable wealth. I however occupy myself with foxes and lizards and beetles and snakes and lions, with the habits of the leopard, the affectionate nature of the stork, the melodiousness of the nightingale, the sagacity of the elephant, and the shapes of fishes and the migrations of cranes and the various species of serpents, and so on—everything which in this account of mine has been carefully got together and observed. But it is no pleasure to me to be numbered among your rich men and to be compared with them. But if I exert myself and desire some-

σὺν <sup>1</sup> τοῖσδε τοῖς πλουσίοις ἀριθμεῖσθαι καὶ πρὸς  
ἐκείνους ἐξετάζεσθαι, εἰ δὲ ὧν καὶ ποιηταὶ σοφοὶ  
καὶ ἄνδρες φύσεως ἀπόρρητα ἰδεῖν τε ἅμα καὶ  
κατασκέψασθαι δεινοὶ καὶ συγγραφεῖς τῆς <sup>2</sup> πείρας  
ἐς τὸ μήκιστον προελθόντες ἑαυτοὺς ἡξίωσαν,  
τούτων τοι καὶ ἑμαυτὸν ἀμωσγέπως ἓνα πειρῶμαι  
ἀριθμεῖν καὶ ἐθέλω, δηλὸν ὡς ἀμείνων ἑμαυτῷ  
σύμβουλός εἰμι τῆς ἐξ ἐκείνων κρίσεως. βου-  
λοίμην γὰρ ἂν μάθημα ἐν γούν πεπαιδευμένον  
περιγενέσθαι μοι ἢ τὰ ἁδόμενα τῶν πάντων πλουσίων  
χρήματά τε ἅμα καὶ κτήματα. καὶ ὑπὲρ μὲν  
τούτων ἱκανὰ νῦν. οἶδα δὲ ὅτι καὶ ἐκείνα οὐκ  
ἐπαινέσονται τινες, εἰ μὴ καθ' ἕκαστον τῶν ζώων  
ἀπέκριναι μου <sup>3</sup> τὸν λόγον, μηδὲ ἰδίᾳ τὰ ἐκάστου  
εἰπον ἄθροα, ἀνέμιστα δὲ καὶ τὰ ποικίλα ποικίλως,  
καὶ ὑπὲρ πολλῶν διεξῆλθον, καὶ πῇ μὲν ἀπέλιπον  
τὸν περὶ τῶνδε λόγον τῶν ζώων, πῇ δὲ ὑπέστρεψα  
ὑπὲρ τῆς αὐτῶν φύσεως ἕτερα εἴρων. ἐγὼ δὲ  
πρῶτον μὲν τὸ ἐμὸν ἴδιον οὐκ εἰμι τῆς ἄλλου  
κρίσεώς τε καὶ βουλήσεως δοῦλος, οὐδέ φημι δεῖν  
ἐπεσθαι ἐτέρῳ, ὅποι μ' ἂν ἀπάγῃ· δεύτερον δὲ τῷ  
ποικίλῳ τῆς ἀναγνώσεως τὸ ἐφορκὸν θηρῶν καὶ  
τὴν ἐκ τῶν ὁμοίων βδελυγμίαν ἀποδιδράσκων,  
οἷονεὶ λειμῶνά τινα ἢ στέφανον ὥραϊον ἐκ τῆς  
πολυχροίας, ὡς ἀνθεσφόρων τῶν ζώων τῶν πολ-  
λῶν, ᾗθηρην δεῖν τῇδε ὑφάναί τε καὶ διαπλέξαι τὴν  
συγγραφὴν. εἰ δὲ τοῖς θηρατικοῖς καὶ ἐν ζῶον  
εὐρεῖν δοκεῖ πως εὐερμία, ἀλλὰ τό γε τῶν τοσοούτων  
οὐ τὰ ἔχνη, οὐδὲ τὰ μέλη συλλαβεῖν ἐγὼ φημι  
γενναῖον, <ἀλλ'> <sup>4</sup> ὅποσα ἡ φύσις ἔδωκε τε αὐτοῖς  
καὶ ὅσων ἡξίωσεν ἀνιχνεύσαι. τί πρὸς ταῦτα

<sup>1</sup> ἐν? H. <sup>2</sup> Schn: ἐκ. <sup>3</sup> μοι. <sup>4</sup> <ἀλλ'> add. Ges.

how to count myself one of that company to which  
learned poets, and men clever at detecting and  
probing the secrets of nature, and writers who have  
attained the greatest experience, claim to belong,  
it is obvious that my own counsel is better than the  
judgment of those men. For I would rather attain  
to expert knowledge in at least one branch than to  
the belauded riches and possessions of your wealthiest  
men. So enough of this for the present.

I am aware too that some will express disapproval  
because I have not in my discourse kept each creature  
separate by itself, and have not said in its own place  
all that is to be said about each, but have mixed the  
various kinds like a varied pattern in the course of  
describing a great number, at one point dropping  
the narrative about such-and-such animals, at  
another going back and stringing together other  
facts about their nature. Now in the first place,  
speaking for myself, I am no slave to another's  
judgment and will: I maintain that it is not my duty  
to follow another's lead wherever it may take me.  
And in the second place, since I was aiming to attract  
through the variety of my reading matter, and since  
I flee from the tedium arising from monotony, I  
felt that I ought to weave the tissue of this narrative  
of mine so as to resemble a meadow or a chaplet  
beautiful with its many colours, the many creatures,  
as it were, contributing their flowers. And although  
hunters regard the finding of even one animal as a  
piece of luck, I maintain that there is nothing  
splendid in finding the tracks or capturing the bodies  
of such a multitude of animals, whereas to track  
down the faculties which nature has seen fit to bestow  
upon them—that is splendid.

Κέφαλοί τε καὶ Ἱππόλυτοι καὶ εἴ τις ἐν ὄρεσιν ἀγρίοις θηρία μετελθεῖν δεινὸς ἕτερος ἢ αὐτὸς πάλιν τῶν ἐν ὑδροθηρίαις δεινῶν.<sup>1</sup> Μητροδώρος ὁ Βυζάντιος ἢ Λεωνίδης ὁ τοῦτου παῖς ἢ Δημόστρατος ἢ ἄλλοι τινὲς θηράται ἰχθύων οἱ δεινότατοι, πολλοὶ ναὶ μὰ Δία; καὶ γραφικοὶ δὲ ἄνδρες, μέγα αὐτοὺς φρονεῖν ἀνέπειθεν ἢ ἵππος γραφεὶς κάλλιστα, ὡς Ἀγλαοφῶντα, ἢ νεβρός, ὡς Ἀπελλήν, ἢ<sup>2</sup> πλασθέν βοῖδιον, ὡς Μύρωνα, ἢ ἄλλο τι. εἰ δὲ εἰς τὰ τῶν τοσούτων ἐκδεικνύει καὶ ὑπ' αὐγὰς ἄγει καὶ ἦθῃ καὶ πλάσεις καὶ σοφίαν καὶ ἀγχίνουσαν καὶ δικαιοσύνην καὶ σωφροσύνην καὶ ἀνδρείαν καὶ στοργήν καὶ εὐσέβειαν θηράσας, πῶς οὐκ ἤδη καὶ θαυμάσαι ἄξιος; ἥκων δὲ ἐνταυθοῖ τοῦ λόγου καὶ πάνυ ἀχθομαι, εἰ ζῶων μὲν εὐσέβειαν ἀλόγων ἄδομεν, ἀνθρώπων δὲ ἀσέβειαν<sup>3</sup> ἐλέγχομεν. καὶ τοῦτο μὲν οὐκ ἐνταῦθα ἀποδείξομεν, ἐκείνο δὲ προσέτι εἰπεῖν δικαιοτάτον, οὐπερ οὖν καὶ ἐναρχόμενος τῶνδε τῶν λόγων μνήμην ἐποιησάμην, εἰ ταῦτα εἶπον, ὅσα πάντες, ἢ οἱ γε πλεῖστοι, οὕτω δίκαιον αἰτιᾶσθαι. ζῶα γὰρ αὐτὸς ἄλλα πλάσαι οὐκ ἡδυνάμην, ὅτι δὲ ἔγνω πολλὰ ἐπεδειξάμην. ἥδη μέντοι καὶ εἰπόν τινα, ὦν οὐκ ἄλλος εἶπε διὰ γε

<sup>1</sup> ὑδροθηρία οἶδεν (or ἦδει ὡς ἦ) most MSS, ἐνδροθηρίων M.

<sup>2</sup> ἦ τό.

<sup>3</sup> Ges: εὐσέβειαν.

<sup>a</sup> Cephalus and Hippolytus are examples drawn from mythology; C. with his dog Laelaps, which no quarry could escape, joined in the pursuit of the Teumessian Vixen, which none could catch. Dog and Vixen were changed into stone by Zeus.—Hippolytus, son of Theseus and Hippolyte, and a votary of the virgin Artemis, spent his days hunting; see Euripides' *Hippolytus*.

What have they to say to this, your Cephaluses and Hippolytuses,<sup>a</sup> and all the others so skilful in the chase upon the wild mountains, or again, among those who were skilled in fishing, Metrodorus of Byzantium, or his son Leonidas, or Demonstratus, or any others who were past masters at the catching of fish? And there were many such, god knows! Painters too: the picture of a horse consummately drawn fills them with pride, as it did Aglaophon;<sup>b</sup> or the picture of a fawn, as it did Apelles; or his statue of a calf, as it did Myron;<sup>c</sup> or take any other work of art. But when one man displays and brings forth to the light of day his researches into the habits, the forms, the sagacity, the shrewdness, the justice, the temperance, the bravery, the affection, the filial piety of such a great number of animals, he cannot fail to claim immediate respect. Having reached this point in my discourse I am distressed that while praising the filial piety of unreasoning animals, I have to accuse men of the reverse. I shall not here enlarge on this subject, but this much I have every right to add—indeed I mentioned this point at the beginning of this treatise: it is not fair to censure me for repeating what all, or at any rate most, writers have said already. After all I could not create other animals, though I have given evidence that I have known a great many. Yet I have in fact mentioned certain characteristics

<sup>b</sup> Aglaophon, of Thasos, painter, early in 5th cent. B.C.; father of Polygnotus and Aristophon; was the first to depict Nike as winged.

<sup>c</sup> Myron, famous sculptor, of the first half of the 5th cent. B.C.; worked chiefly in bronze. His *Discobolus* and *Athena and Marsyas* survive in copies.

τῆς πείρας τῆσδε αὐτὸς ἐλθὼν· φίλη δὲ ἡ ἀλήθειά  
μοι τῇ τε ἄλλῃ καὶ ἐνταῦθα οὐχ ἥκιστα. ὅπως δὲ  
αὐτὰ εἶπον καὶ σὺν ὧσιν πόνῳ, τό τε εὐγενὲς τῆς  
λέξεως ὁποῖον καὶ τῆς συνθήκης, τῶν τε ὀνομάτων  
καὶ τῶν ῥημάτων τὸ κάλλος, ὅποσους ἂν μὴ  
χρήσωμαι πονηροῖς κριταῖς, ἐκείνοι εἴσονται.

which no other writer who has attempted the work  
on my scale has mentioned. But I prize truth in all  
spheres, most of all in this, and critics who handle me  
without malice will realise the quality of my work,  
the labour it cost, the dignity of its style and com-  
position, and the propriety of the words and phrases  
employed.

## INDEXES:

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δβρόνον wormwood  
 δυλοφώτις peony  
 άγνος agnus-castus  
 άγρεύς mynah  
 άγρωστίς dog's-tooth grass  
 δδαντον maidenhair fern  
 δεισικωφ owl, little horned  
 δειτίης eagle-stone  
 δειρός eagle  
 δηδών nightingale  
 δθήρ awn, of corn  
 άγχειρος poplar-tree  
 αλγίβαλος titmouse  
 αλγίθος blue tit  
 αλγοθήλας goatsucker  
 αλγυπιάς aegyptus  
 αλθία (i) seagull (ii) shearwater  
 αλLOUROS cat  
 αλμύρρος blood-letter (snake)  
 αλξ goat; αλξ άγριος λιβυκός uadad  
 αλσάων merlin  
 Αίτναίος Etna-fish  
 άκαλθήση sea-anemone  
 άκανθα thistle  
 άκανθος siskin  
 άκανθυλλίς goldfinch  
 άκοντίας acontias (snake)  
 άκρίς (i) cricket (ii) locust  
 άλειφα oil  
 άλεκτροίς hen  
 άλεκτρούων chicken, cock  
 άλευρον meal  
 άλκετός sea-eagle  
 άλκείς fishing-frog  
 άλκυών halcyon  
 άλς salt  
 άλυσσον madwort  
 άλφита barley-corns, -groats  
 άλφός leprosy  
 άλώπηξ (i) fox (ii) d. θαλαττία fox-shark  
 άμια pelamyd  
 άμπελος (i) vine (ii) ampelus (leopard)  
 (iii) seaweed, see Vine

αμυγδαλή almond  
 αμυγδαλή almond-tree  
 άμφίβια, rd amphibians  
 άμφισβαινα amphibiaena  
 άνθηδών bumble-bee  
 άνθιας anthias (fish)  
 άνθος heron, buff-backed  
 άνθρήμιον wasps' nest  
 άντακαίος sturgeon  
 άξων windlass  
 άραχνη spider  
 άρειων areion (snail)  
 άρην lamb  
 άριστερών vervain  
 άρκευθος juniper  
 άρκηλος leopard, young of  
 άρκτος bear  
 άρον άγριον cuckoo-pint  
 άρπη  
 (i) harpe  
 (ii) sea-hawk  
 (iii) shearwater  
 (iv) d. όρειος kite, mountain-  
 (v) great rkua  
 άσκαλαβώτης gecko  
 άσπάλαξ mole  
 άσπίς asp  
 άστακός lobster  
 άσταφίς raisins  
 άστερίας (i) golden eagle (ii) starling  
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 άψινθιον wormwood  
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 βάρβυτον lyre  
 βάσανος touchstone  
 βασιλίσκος basilisk  
 βατίς skate

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βοῦς ox; β. θήλυς cow  
— θαλάττιος horned ray  
βούτυρον butter  
βράχια hills  
βρένθος brentus (bird)  
βρύν oyster-green  
βύβλος papyrus  
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γλάνις catfish  
γλαυκός blue-grey fish  
γλαυῖς owl  
γόγγυρος conger-eel  
γρύψ gryphon  
γυρίνος tadpole  
γυψ vulture

δάφνη bay-tree  
δελφίς dolphin  
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δρυοκολάπτης woodpecker  
δρῦς oak  
δρύων βάλανος acorn

ἐγκραυλὶς, ἐγκραυσχολός anchovy  
ἐγγεῦς eel  
Εὐλειθυαί Childbirth, Goddesses of  
ἐλαία olive-tree  
ἐλαιον oil

ἐλανος kite  
ἐλάτη silver-fir  
ἐλαφος deer; ε. θήλυς hind  
ἐλένιον elecampane  
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ἐριον wool  
ἐριφος kid  
ἐρπετὸν reptile  
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ἐχιδινα viper  
ἐχινές, αἱ acornys  
ἐχίνος many-plies  
— θαλάττιος sea-urchin  
— χερσαῖος hedgehog  
ἐχίς viper

ζορέ gazelle  
ζύγαννα hammer-headed shark

ήλεκτρον amber  
ήμιονος mule  
ήμιστρον abomasum  
ήπαρ liver  
ήπατος hepatus (fish)  
ήρακλεώτης λίθος magnet

θήρμουθις thermuthis (snake)  
θηλυφόνον aconite  
θηρακίη lettuce  
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θρύον rush  
θύμαλλος grayling  
θύμον thyme

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θύον citrus  
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ίερα νόσος epilepsy  
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— θαλάττιος flying-fish  
— πελάγιος sea-hawk  
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ίκτηνος kite  
ίξός bird-lime  
ιουλὶς rainbow-wrasse  
ίπνός lantern  
ίπποκάμπος sea-horse  
ίππομανές hippomanes  
ίππος horse; ι. θήλεια mare  
— ποτάμιος hippopotamus  
ίππουρος hippurus (fly)  
ίρις iris  
ίσχάς fig, dried  
ίσχίον πόνος sciatica  
ίρέα willow-tree  
ίργξ wryneck  
ίχθός fish  
ίχνεύμων ichneumon  
ίχώρ serum  
ίωψ minnow

καλαμύθη water-mint  
καλαμοθύτης reed-warbler  
κάλαιος (i) reed (ii) cane (iii) fishing-rod  
καλλωνίμος star-gazer (fish)  
κάμπλος camel  
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κανθαρίς blister-beetle  
κάνθαρος (i) beetle (ii) scarab  
— θαλάττιος black sea-bream  
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κάραβος crayfish  
καρίς prawn  
καρικινός hermit-crab  
καρκίνος crab  
καρτάζωνος cartazonus (= rhinoceros)  
καρτὸν leek, chopped  
κάρον nut  
καρχαρόδοντα, τὰ saw-toothed animals  
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κάστωρ beaver  
κατρέις manāl pheasant  
κατῶλεπον gnu  
καίσων dipsas  
κεγχρίης kestrel

κεγχρίς ortolan  
κέγχρος millet  
κέδρος cedar  
κεκρύφαλος reticulum  
κεράς cricket  
κεντρώτης (i) dipsas (ii) spiny dog-fish  
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κέρας horn  
κεράστis cerastes  
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κερκόρωνος mynah  
κερχίης kestrel  
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κέφαλος mullet, grey  
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κήπος kepos (monkey)  
κήρύκος ceryl  
κήρυξ trumpet-shell, whelk  
κήρος sea-monster, cetacean  
κήρην drone  
κήρηνος wagtail  
κεδραρέδης harper (fish)  
κιννάβαρι vermilion  
κιννάμωμον cinnamon  
κίρκη circe (bird)  
κίρκος falcon  
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κόραξ raven  
κορίαννον coriander  
κοροκόττας corocottas  
κορυβαλός crested lark  
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 κρέξ corncrake  
 κριθή barley  
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 κροκόδilos crocodile  
 κρόμμινον onion  
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 λαέρτης laertes (ant, wasp)  
 λάρος sea-mew  
 λέαινα lioness  
 λέοντος στέαρ lobster-lard  
 λεοντοφόνον lion's-bane (insect?)  
 λεπός himpet  
 λέπρα leprosy  
 λευκόδιον flax, white  
 λέων (i) lion (ii) λ. θαλάττιος sea-lion  
 λιβανωτίς rosemary frankincense  
 λίθος stone  
 λίον flax  
 λίτρον sodium carbonate  
 λιγυόλιον amber  
 λύγος withe  
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 λυκάβας year  
 λυκοκτόνον wolf's-bane (herb)  
 λύκος wolf

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 λυκόστομος anchovy  
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 μαργαρίτης pearl  
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 μαριχόρας mantichore  
 μελαγκόρυφος marsh-tit  
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 μεμβρίς smelt  
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 μήκων poppy  
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 (ii) όρνις hornbill  
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 μόσχος calf  
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 νάρθηξ fennel  
 νάρκη torpedo (fish)  
 ναυαίλος argonaut  
 νεβρός fawn  
 νεφρός kidney  
 νηρίτης Nerites  
 νήττα duck  
 νηματοφόνος duck-killer (bird)  
 νυκτερίς bat  
 ξίφιας sword-fish  
 ολίνας rock-dove  
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 οιστρος gadfly  
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 όρείς mule  
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 όρικνος great tunny  
 όρνις bird; ό. θήλεια hen  
 όροβος bitter vetch  
 όρτάλχος bird, young of  
 όρτυξ quail  
 όρυζα rice  
 όρυξ antelope  
 όρφός great sea-perch  
 όσμήλος osmylus (mollusc)  
 όσπριον pulse  
 όστρακόδεσμα, τὰ crustaceans  
 όστρακόναυρα, τὰ testaceans  
 όστρεον oyster  
 ούραχός rhacilla  
 ούρον urine  
 όφεις snake  
 παγκύνιον pancynium (seaweed)  
 πάγουρος crab, common  
 πάνθηρ panther  
 πάππος pappus (bird)  
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 παρόνη locust  
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πελειάς dove  
 πελεκάν pelican  
 πέπερις pepper  
 περδικοθήρας partridge-catcher  
 περδίξ partridge  
 περιστέρα dove, pigeon  
 πέριχη perch  
 περέρια perseae-tree  
 περσεύς perseus (fish)  
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 πομπήλος pilot-fish  
 Πόντος Euxine Sea  
 πορφύρα purple shellfish  
 πορφύρεων purple coot  
 πορφύρεος όφεις purple snake  
 ποταμογέιτον pond-weed  
 πρασκουρίς leek-cutter (insect)  
 πράσον leek  
 πρέπιον prepon (fish)  
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 πύλαγος antelope  
 πύξος box-tree  
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 πυραυτίτης wax-moth  
 πυρέλον fire-stick  
 πυρίονα fire-flies  
 πυρός wheat  
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 ρόδον rose  
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 σαλαμάνδρα salamander  
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 σαργός sargue  
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 συμμοσμός purge  
 συμπερίδιξ sand-partridge  
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 σφήξ wasp  
 σφίγξ sphinx-ape  
 σφονδύλη beetle  
 σφόνδυλος red thorny oyster  
 σκαδών larva (of bee)  
 σκίνος mastic tree  
 σκίονος rope  
 τάμος curdled milk  
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 τάρανδος tarandus [? elk]  
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χαλκεύς John Dory  
 χαλκίς sardine

χαλκός bronze  
 χαμαιλέον chameleon  
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 ψαλτήριον harp  
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 Ampelus (leopard), perh. *Felis serval*  
 Antelope *Bubalis mauritanica*  
 Ass *Equus asinus*  
 Aurochs *Bos bonasus*  
 Baboon *Cynocephalus babuin*  
 Bat *Vespertilio serotinus*  
 Bear *Ursus arctos*  
 Beaver *Castor fiber*  
 Blind-rat *Spalax typhlus*  
 Boar *Sus scrofa*  
 Bull *Bos taurus*  
 Camel *Camelus bactrianus*  
 Cartazonus *Rhinoceros indicus*  
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 Gnu *Catoblepas gnu*  
 Goat *Capra hircus*  
 Gorilla *Troglodytes gorilla*  
 Hare *Lepus timidus*  
 Hedgehog *Erinaceus europaeus*  
 Hippopotamus *H. amphibius*  
 Horse *Equus caballus*  
 Hunuman *Semnopithecus entellus*  
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 Kepos (monkey) *Cercopithecus pyrrhonotus*  
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 Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*  
 Golden Oriole *Oriolus galbula*  
 Goldfinch *Carduelis elegans*  
 Goose *Anser cinereus*  
 Greenfinch *Fringilla chloris*  
 Guinea-fowl *Numida meleagris*  
 Halcyon *Alcedo isipda*  
 Harpe, perh. Sea-hawk, q.v.  
 Hawk, gen. *Accipiter*  
 Heron *Ardea cinerea*  
 Heron, Buff-backed *Ardea bubulcus*  
 Hoopoe *Upupa epops*  
 Hornbill, sp. *Bucero*  
 Ibis White *Tantalus aethiopicus*; Black *Falcinellus igneus*  
 Jackdaw *Corvus monedula*

Jay *Garrulus glandarius*  
 Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*  
 Kite *Milvus icinus*  
 Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus*  
 Lark *Alauda arvensis*  
 Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pygmaeus*  
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 Nightingale *Daulias tuscina*  
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 Carp *Cyprinus carpio*  
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 Cuttlefish *Sepia officinalis*  
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 Ash *Fraxinus ornus*  
 Barley *Hordeum sativum*  
 Bay *Laurus nobilis*  
 Beet *Beta maritima*  
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 Bitter Vetch *Ervum ervilia*  
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 Comfrey *Symphytum bulbosum*  
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 Cork-oak *Quercus suber*  
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 Cypress *Cupressus sempervirens*  
 Date-palm *Phoenix dactylifera*  
 Dog's-tooth grass *Cynodon dactylon*  
 Dwarf-palm *Chamerops humilis*  
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 Hair (seaweed) *Cystoseira foeniculosa*  
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